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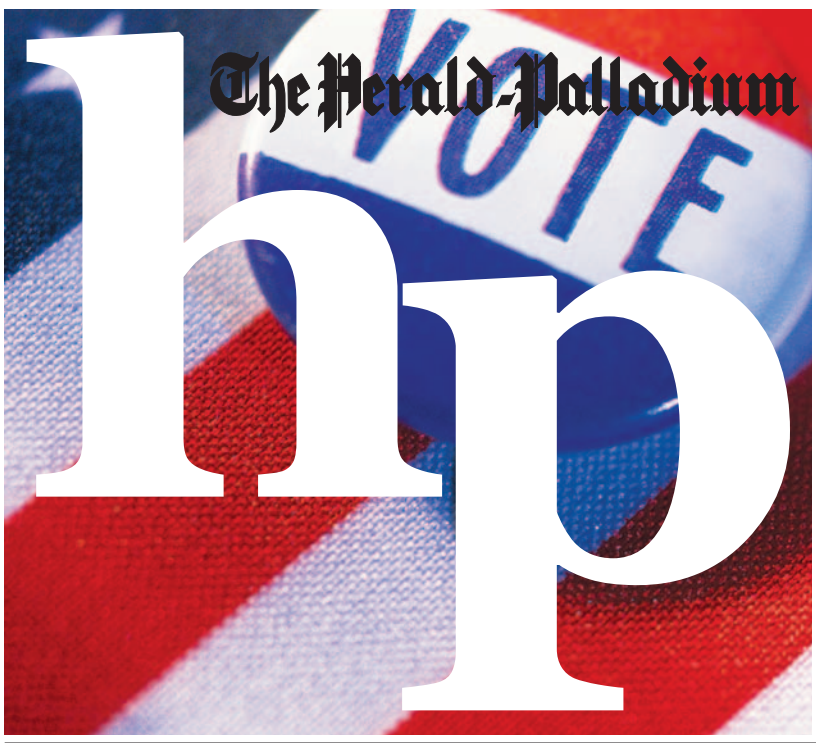

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BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Motion denied

Judge stands firm on sentencing for man who caused fatal I-94 crash

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — A man who is serving 10-15 years in prison for driving drunk and causing a death will have to go to the Michigan Court of Appeals to try to get his sentence changed.

PARSONS

Bo Parsons, 25, will do that, his lawyer Anastase Markou said Monday after Berrien County Trial Court Judge Arthur Cotter denied his motion for resentencing.

When Cotter sentenced Parsons in May, he exceeded the guideline range of 43 months to 7 1/2 years that was recommended as a minimum sentence by the Department of Corrections after a pre-sentence investigation.

Maximum terms are set by law, but judges structure minimum terms based on a guideline range that sorts crimes by type and other factors. Sentencing guidelines for the minimum are advisory, not mandatory.

Berrien Chief Assistant Prosecutor Jennifer Smith had asked the judge in May to send Parsons to prison for at least seven years. She said the Prosecutor's Office had considered a charge of second-degree murder.

Parsons, of Dowagiac, was driving east on I-94 in Benton Township the night of Nov. 28, 2015, when he sped up to 90 mph and closed his eyes. The car he was driving slammed into another car that had pulled onto the shoulder of the highway to change a flat tire. Devante Fisher, 21, of Benton Harbor was killed and his girlfriend, Kalassandra Kelly, also of Benton Harbor, 19 at the time, was seriously injured.

Parsons' blood alcohol level the night of the crash measured 0.208, more than twice the legal limit.

Parsons pleaded guilty in March to operating while intoxicated causing death and operating while intoxicated causing serious injury.

At sentencing in May, Cotter said Parsons told a probation officer that he'd left a bar in Three Oaks, was very sad, depressed and drunk, and got on I-94 and lost consciousness.

But he had earlier told police that he was suicidal

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A brawl to the bitter end

Clinton, Trump sprint to the finish

By JULIE PACE, LISA LERER and JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

SCRANTON, Pa. — Straining toward the finish line of the wildly unpredictable White House race, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump blitzed through battleground states Monday in a final bid to energize supporters. Clinton urged voters to embrace a "hopeful, inclusive, big-hearted America," while Trump called for support to "beat the corrupt system."

Polls are open today 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

The candidates planned to campaign late into the night, a frenzied end to a bitter election year that has laid bare the nation's deep economic and cultural divides.

Clinton opened the day Monday buoyed by FBI Director James Comey's announcement Sunday that he would not recommend criminal charges against her following a new email review. The inquiry had sapped a surging Clinton momentum at a crucial

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Mercy meets its end

Photos by John Matuszak / HP Staff

A crew member with Melching Demolition prepares to remove the letters from the tower of Mercy Hospital in Benton Harbor on Monday, before workers moved in to begin tearing down the four-story building. The letters from the hospital, which date to 1906, will be donated to the Morton House Museum. Berrien County foreclosed on the property last year and will try to sell the seven-acre site to a private developer.

County hopes to lure developers to former hospital site

By JOHN MATUSZAK
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — It was with mixed emotions that residents watched the walls of Mercy Hospital fall on Monday.

Berrien County Commissioner Marletta Seats, whose son was born there, said it was a sad moment for the community, but also exciting because of the potential for future development on the 7-acre site.

"To the community, it had become an eyesore," Seats said of the vacant building at 960 Agard Ave., that vandals stripped and the elements ravaged. "But there were a lot of people who were born there, and a lot of people received good care there. To them it's a memory. It saved a lot of people."

The hospital dates from the early years of the 20th century, and it remained a center of the community for decades as the facility expanded. But changing trends and needs in health care took their toll. Mercy Center Clinic merged with Lakeland Health Care in 1977. Wolf Development bought the property from Lakeland in 1994.

The walls of Mercy Hospital in Benton Harbor come tumbling down Monday, ending the long history of the institution in the community. Work is expected to continue through the week to tear down the four-story, 165,000 square-foot structure.

In 2009, Mercy Center was home to 27 health and human service organizations, including InterCare, which occupied a third of the space and provided 35 percent of the revenue to Wolf Development.

But that year InterCare announced it would build a new facility at M-139 and Empire Avenue with an $8.5 million federal stimulus grant. InterCare moved out of Mercy Center and into its new building in 2011.

Berrien County foreclosed on the property in 2015 after Wolf Development failed to pay $263,000 in taxes over three years.

A study showed that it would have cost $29 million to rehabilitate the four-story, 165,000 square-foot structure into apartments.

That left only one option for the building that Berrien County Treasurer Bret Witkowski said is "a shell."

Crews had to clear asbestos, mold and other materials from the building before it could be torn down. More than 3 million gallons of water had to be removed from the basement.

At first, officials believed that ground water had seeped into the basement. But after conducting two rounds of tests, it was determined that the water had poured in from an open Benton Harbor city water line.

"You don't find fluoride in ground water," Witkowski said.

Berrien County approved a contract with Melching Co., of Nunica, Mich., to handle the demolition, at a cost of $1.6 million. That money will come from the county's foreclosure fund, along with money from the general fund, Witkowski said.

He explained that the project follows the county's practice of cleaning up blighted properties. The lot will be ready for sale next year, he added. "You'll see seven acres of grass here next spring."

Witkowski said his office will be marketing the lot to real estate developers across the Midwest. With its access to major roads and with utilities available, he expects that it will attract interest.

Seats said she wants to see development that will benefit the Pipestone Road corridor and Benton Harbor.

"It's an exciting moment," Seats said.

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Rooms in the Springhill Suites by Marriott come complete with a desk, bed and lounge area. The Benton Township hotel opened Friday.

New Marriott hotel opens up

Springhill Suites targets business travelers

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — The first of two anticipated Benton Township hotels opened toward the end of last week.

The Springhill Suites by Marriott opened Friday afternoon. It fielded more than 20 reservations over its first weekend.

"It was huge opening for us since we're new," said General Manager Clint Milewski. "Our first guest comment card was five stars. It's funny because we had a representative from Marriott that came to train us. She was surprised because she's never opened up a property that got a comment card on the first day."

Located at 1255 Cinema Way, the hotel is just off the I-94 Scottsdale exit. In fact, the hotel already has a billboard along the highway.

The 94-room hotel has four stories as a result of a height variance that was approved by the township's Planning Commission and Board of Trustees.

The majority of the rooms are king suites, with about two dozen queen room suites.

The range in prices will depend on the time of year. Milewski said the current off-season price is usually $149.99 per night. When summer picks up, Milewski said rooms should run $249 to $259 a night.

Milewski said they've hired about 22 employees.

With 98 parking spaces, the Marriott hotel has just over its count for the total number of rooms. The parking lot will not be shared with the Staybridge Suites hotel next to it. The Staybridge, being built by the same developer as the Marriott, also will have a parking lot with two entryways from Cinema Way.

"When I heard they were opening, I was very happy," said Milewski, who previously managed the Best

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President, state House are top Michigan races

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Hillary Clinton is confident Michigan will remain reliably Democratic, while Donald Trump is hoping he is the presidential nominee who can finally carry the state for Republicans again.

Tuesday's election also will cap two close U.S. House races at opposite ends of the state and a closely watched battle for control of one-half of the GOP-led Legislature – the outcome of which will influence Gov. Rick Snyder's last two terms in office.

Here's a closer look at the contests:

The big blue wall?

Despite being a state in the "blue wall" that Democrats have carried for at least six straight presidential races and that accounts for 242 electoral votes of the 270 needed to win, Michigan was showered by candidate attention Monday.

Clinton, speaking at Grand Valley State University near Grand Rapids, said the election is "basically between division and unity in our country. It's between strong and steady leadership or a loose cannon who could put everything at risk."

President Barack Obama campaigned in Ann Arbor, was introduced by Chelsea Clinton and criticized Trump for opposing the auto industry bailout. "When I tell you that Donald Trump is not the guy who's going to look out for you, you need to listen. Do not be bamboozled," he said.

A Trump victory in Michigan could portend a big night for him nationally, while winning the state's 16 electoral votes would put Clinton well on her way to the White House.

Trump's final rally of the campaign will be in Grand Rapids late Monday, looking to shore up support in a conservative-leaning part of Michigan. Trump's running mate, Mike Pence, praised Trump during a stop in Traverse City as "a man who never quits, who never backs down, who is a fighter." He also said momentum is on Trump's side and he is "winning hearts and minds every day."

State House Majority

With no statewide proposals and few statewide races on the ballot this year, a major focus is the Michigan House. It's the Democrats' last shot to disrupt the GOP agenda or else Republicans will lead the Legislature all eight years of Snyder's tenure.

Conditions are ideal for Democrats to bolster their ranks, but capturing the majority could be elusive. At least a dozen GOP-held House districts – half with incumbents, half open due to term limits – will determine which party secures the minimum 56 seats needed.

Congress

Democrats hoping to offset Michigan Republicans' 9-5 edge in the U.S. House have targeted two seats – the vast, mostly rural 1st District in northern Michigan and the 7th District, which stretches south and east from the Lansing area to the Indiana border. Both are GOP-leaning, especially after redistricting. The 1st features Republican Jack Bergman against Democrat Lon Johnson after third-term Rep. Dan Benishek opted not to run again. In the 7th, fourth-term Rep. Tim Walberg faces a challenge from state Rep. Gretchen Driskell.

High court

The two most significant elections for statewide office are for spots on the Michigan Supreme Court, where Republicans have a 5-2 majority over Democrats. Party affiliations are not listed on the ballot, but parties nominate the candidates. And conservative incumbents Joan Larsen and David Viviano will be labeled as justices, a clear advantage when voters usually have no idea who is on the bench.

Larsen, who Snyder chose to fill a vacancy in 2015 and Trump has mentioned as a possible U.S. Supreme Court pick, is being challenged by Wayne County Circuit Judge Deborah Thomas for a two-year term. Viviano faces Wayne County Probate Judge Frank Szymanski for an eight-year term.

How to vote

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. Voters must have a photo ID or sign an affidavit. Absentee voters have until 8 p.m. Tuesday to return their ballot to the clerk's office.

Don't snap that selfie

A federal appeals court has kept intact for now Michigan's ban on voters taking photos of their completed ballot. The prohibition on exposing completed ballots has been in place for 125 years, but a judge ruled last month it is a free-speech violation in the era of cellphone cameras and instant social media posts. The lawsuit, filed by a Portage resident, will continue after the election.

Detroit to pay water damage claims of $11M to residents

DETROIT (AP) — Months after two severe storms flooded basements on Detroit's east side, the city's water department has decided to pay the claims of all residents who aren't suing it.

The Detroit Free Press reported that hundreds of homes were damaged during the July 8 flooding, which resulted in many basements flooded with smelly, brown water.

Detroit Water and Sewerage Department director Gary Brown said the department plans to settle with 800 people who filed claims and haven't sued.

The department expects to spend about $11 million.

Brown says the department will settle all the claims before January, no matter whose fault it is.

He said the department isn't waiting for the disposition of ongoing investigations being conducted by the Great Lakes Water Authority, which operates the system and the water department, which charges residents for water.

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East Lansing solar project could cut energy bills

EAST LANSING (AP) — More East Lansing residents will have the opportunity to cut their electric bill next year due to a community solar project that's planning to nearly double in scope from 1,000 panels to about 1,800 panels.

Albion-based Patriot Solar Group has partnered with the Lansing Board of Water & Light on the project, the Lansing State Journal reported.

Residents who get electricity from the board will be able to pay nearly $400 to lease a solar panel for 25 years, said company president and CEO Jeff Mathie.

Electricity generated from the panels will feed into the electric grid, and the board will credit the lessee on their bill, he said. The project will be able to generate enough electricity to power 100 homes, he added.

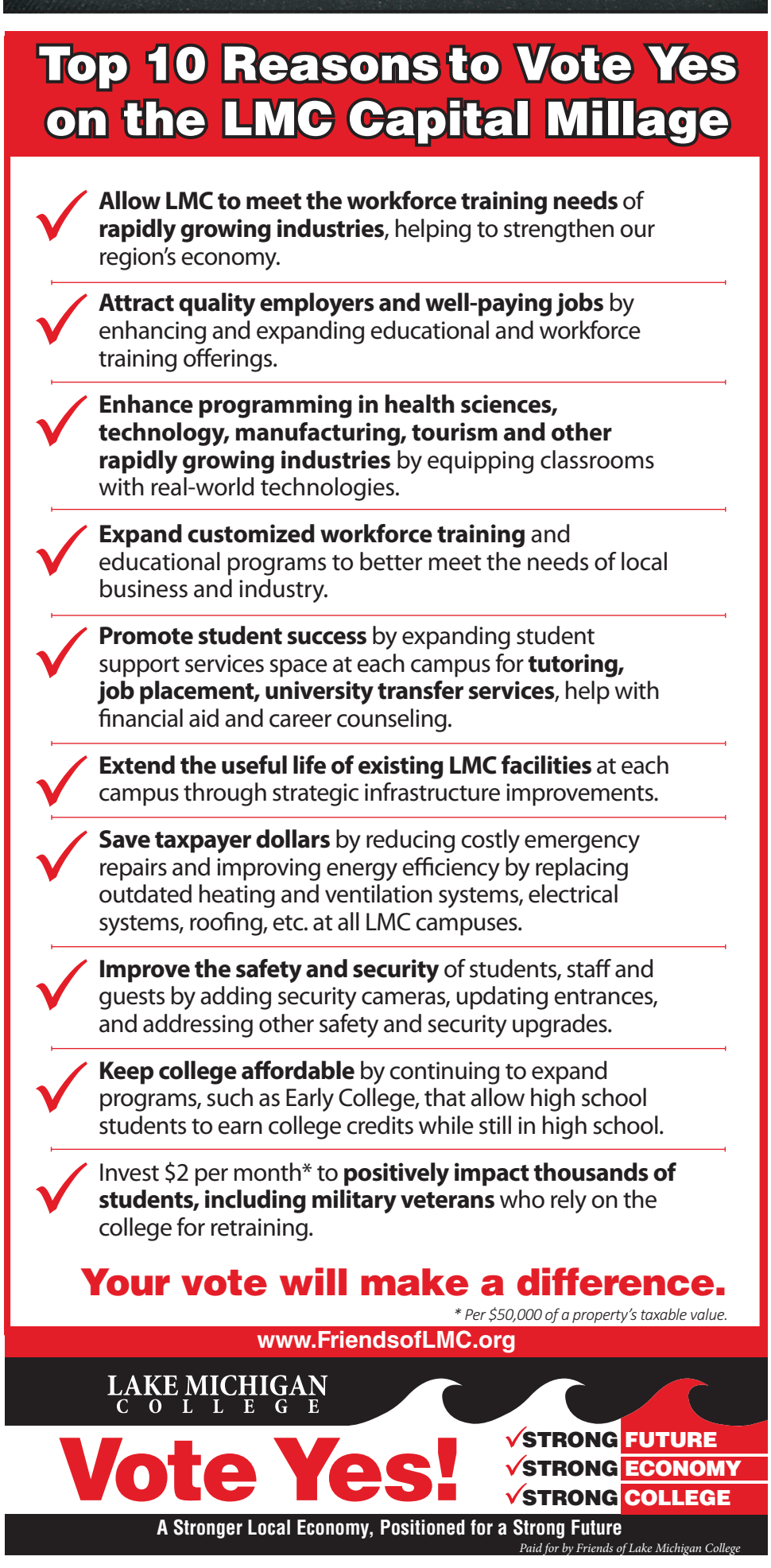
By investing in the solar panels, which cost between $5,000 and $10,000, a homeowner potentially could receive a credit from the utility company.

"There was more interest than the 1,000 panels initially requested," said Mathie. "If you don't have a home, or don't have a home equipped for solar, this is an alternative, and it's much less expensive."

Michigan Energy Options statistics show that if a resident leased two panels, it would cover the average cost powering a refrigerator for a year.

According to Mathie, the original cost of the project was $900,000, but estimates now show it could cost up to $1.5 million, depending on the final number of panels installed.

"It's a great environmental benefit," Mayor Mark Meadows said. "We want (the city) to move as quickly as possible to becoming 100 percent reliant on renewable energy. We're a long way from getting there, but this helps us meet our goals."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Benton Harbor

Mosaic states its case

City commissioners take no action on request to buy former business incubator

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Plans to move Mosaic Resale Store to Benton Harbor's former Carl L. Brown Business Growth Center on Paw Paw Avenue may have stalled, but Cafe Mosaic's move to the former Hong Kong Express is on track.

Mosaic Christian Community Development Association (CCDA) operates both ventures, along with Harbor Shine Lawn Care and a Jobs For Life Program. The nonprofit operates all of the ventures out of 501 W. Main St. But, everything has to be moved by the end of July 2017 because Whirlpool Corp. bought the building to make way for parking.

The nonprofit helps people remove barriers to employment, he said.

Original plans were to move Cafe Mosaic to the former Hong Kong Express building at 325 W. Main St. and the rest of the ventures to the former business growth center at 200 Paw Paw Ave.

Mosaic CCDA Executive Director Ric Pawloski said the organization plans to finish purchasing the former restaurant for $140,000 from a private owner by mid-November.

He said the nonprofit has a signed agreement with City Manager Darwin Watson to buy the city-owned building for $200,000. But, he said there have been some questions about whether Watson is authorized to sell the building without City Commission approval, now that the city is no longer under state oversight.

City commissioners passed a resolution Oct. 3 stating they are against the sale of the city-owned building.

Mosaic CCDA officials presented their plan Monday to city commissioners to move Mosaic Resale Store, Harbor Shine Lawn Care and its Jobs For Life program to the city-owned property.

City commissioners took no action. Pawloski said after the meeting that he will talk with city officials to find out what the next step is.

"It's uniquely configured to accommodate our program, with one side of the building set up for the retail store and one side set up for the Jobs For Life classes," Pawloski said.

During the meeting, the Rev. Brian Bennett, president and founder of Mosaic CCDA, said the city's former business growth center was built in 1998 to be a business incubator helping the city and the citizens.

"Mosaic CCDA is a 21st century version of that," he said. "... Mosaic's commitment of partnering with the city of Benton Harbor extends beyond 200 Paw Paw Ave. While we hope to purchase 200 Paw Paw Ave., we hope even more that this process helps create a strong partnership for the forward progress of our community and its citizens."

Several people who went through the Jobs For Life program spoke in favor of moving the program to the city-owned building. E'Daniel Smith of Benton

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South Haven

New SH area water-sewer authority plans move ahead

By ANDREW LERSTEN
HP Staff Writer

SOUTH HAVEN — The formation of a new South Haven Area Water/Sewer Authority is moving ahead.

The South Haven City Council voted to approve the plan Monday night.

The new authority will replace the existing authority made up solely of South Haven and Casco Townships, which both get their water and sewer services from the city.

The new authority will include the city and the two townships.

"This will be a true regional water-sewer authority," City Manager Brian Dissette told the council. "We've had extremely strong working relationships between all the agencies and our partners. What we're trying to do with this is create something that will reflect our partnerships."

The South Haven Township Board in March voted to support the concept. The Casco Township Board approved it in April.

The new authority has been proposed to give the townships more of a leadership role in making decisions regarding the city's water and sewer systems, and to streamline bureaucracy related to the utilities.

About $30 million in repairs and upgrades to the city's sewer plant and sanitary sewer system have been identified and are moving forward.

The new authority board will be made up of three city representatives and two from each township.

The projects were identified through a lengthy study process overseen by Abonmarche Consultants, Benton Harbor.

Starting in 2011, Abonmarche conducted smoke testing and video inspections of areas in the sewer system where excessive infiltration of groundwater and stormwater was believed to be occurring.

Based on that work, computer models were developed and flow monitoring were done, both with the goal of finding ways to reduce inflow and infiltration to the sewer plant. Such reductions will allow for additional residential, commercial and industrial growth.

The sewer plant was built in 1933, with several renovations since then. Most of the plant components are now 50 or more years old.

Major work planned includes upgrades to three sewer lift stations, including two near the sewer plant; new sewer lines under Edgell Street in the city; and replacing many components in the sewer plant.

Funding for the work will include utility rates, state revenue sharing, state and federal loans, road funds and grants. Also, for work in the city, residents will pay for 25 percent of the costs of road and sewer work if they are directly affected, through special assessments.

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Let there be light

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Seasonal workers Sam Johnson, left, and Owen Carow take advantage of beautiful weather Monday to attach lights to an arch for the Light Up the Bluff display planned for St. Joseph this holiday season.

St. Joseph schools

The culture of classroom technology

Bond funding amplifies district's technology usage

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — According to the St. Joseph school district's technology director, the series bond that voters OK'd earlier this year has already started doing its job.

Bryan Parsons gave board members his annual technology plan Monday at E.P. Clarke Elementary during a SJPS board meeting, including a look at how technology has benefited students.

Using the tech bond, Parsons told trustees the district has purchased 40 new iMacs, 30 new iPads, 220 new Chromebooks and additional access controls to all elementary schools.

"Assess to technology has become a big thing at our district. Everyone has access to a device," Parsons said. "In the classroom, the programs we use have kept the focus on the instruction, and not the device."

With the One-to-One program, Parsons said there are now more devices at Upton Middle School than there are students. The program has helped the BYOD initiative – known as Bring Your Own Device – take

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Baroda

Master plan talks continue Wednesday

Village eyes plan to host public art

By WILLIAM F. AST III
HP Correspondent

BARODA — The Baroda Village Council and the Baroda Township Board will hold a joint meeting on Wednesday to continue their work on coming up with a joint master plan.

Village Council President Bob Getz said the meeting, which is open to the public, will start at 5 p.m. in the meeting room at Baroda's municipal building. Also scheduled to be present are the township and village planning commissions, and officials of the Baroda Area Business Association (BABA) and the village's Downtown Development Authority.

Getz after Monday's council meeting said the first joint meeting earlier this fall went well.

"We had a packed house, and we got a lot of good ideas and it was very cooperative," Getz said. "So I don't anticipate any problems."

If the two entities agree on the joint plan, there won't be any major changes from existing policies, Getz said.

"It behooves the township for the village to be able to expand, and it behooves the village for the township to be able to maintain their agricultural," Getz said. "I think we're both on the

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Contributed photo

Jim Small's "Exhausted" sculpture will be placed outside the Baroda municipal building, if a proposal by the Baroda Area Business Association goes through. The nine-foot sculpture would be in place for one to two years. The BABA hopes to place more public art in the village to attract visitors.

Berrien Springs

Auditor pleased with village finances

Raises for staff members remains an issue

By DEBRA HAIGHT
HP Correspondent

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The village of Berrien Springs is in good financial shape, auditor Britni McDole told Village Council members Monday.

McDole, an accountant with Plante Moran, presented the village's audit report for the 2015-16 fiscal year ending June 30. She said her firm gave the village an unmodified "clean opinion." "That is the highest opinion a government can receive," she said.

She said the village's general fund ended up with a just a small deficit after transfers in and out. Revenue was $959,050, up from the final budget number of $924,728, while expenditures were $858,393, down from the final budget number of $910,009. "I commend you for spending less," she said.

Village President Milt Richter said the transfers in and out were primarily a result of the street and infrastructure work the village did last year. "We did a lot of self funding of street projects," he said.

The general fund ended with a slight deficit of $6,343 after transfers in and out, McDole said. The village had anticipated a larger deficit of $92,281. The deficit reduced the fund balance from $3,526,211 at the start of the year to $3,519,868.

The bulk of Monday night's meeting was spent discussing whether or not to give raises to the village's 10 full-time employees. Richter had presented the idea to the council earlier this fall after village staff completed a survey of similarly sized municipalities in western Michigan.

"We used a Michigan Municipal League survey of communities our size on the west side of the state," he said. "We took an average of wages and our people were getting below the average with some way below the average. We were woefully behind. We want to get to at least the average over three years."

Council members appeared to have more problems with how the information was gathered and presented than the raises themselves. Council Member Claudia Ruppel said she had no problem with giving employees raises but wanted to have the complete picture of how entire salary/benefit packages compared.

For her part, council member Lonna Johnson said she thought the

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Sweet repeat for Lakeshore marching band

Lancers win 2nd straight Flight III title

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

STEVENSVILLE — The Lakeshore Lancer Marching Band on Saturday won a state title for the second year in a row in the Michigan Competing Band Association Flight III state finals at Ford Field in Detroit.

"It was such a pleasure to watch the Lancer Marching Band perform their show, 'The Masque of the Red Death,' at Ford Field," Lakeshore High School Principal Brad Brunner said Monday. "Apparently the Masque bleeds Lakeshore Lancer red."

"The Masque of the Red Death" is a short story written by Edgar Allan Poe in which a plague sweeps across the land, causing its victims to die quickly and gruesomely.

"It was very dramatic music," Superintendent Phil Freeman said. "The color guard was exceptional. Those kids worked so hard. They deserve everything that they got."

The Lancers were also awarded trophies for Outstanding Music Performance, Outstanding Visual Performance and Outstanding General Effect in their classification.

"The kids did a beautiful job," said longtime Band Director Lori Von Koenig, who is aided by assistant directors Phil and Cindy Huff. "The support from the community and the parents was phenomenal."

This is the 25th consecutive year that Lakeshore has made it to the state finals and the fifth time the band has won the state championship in its division. The Lancer band also claimed state titles in 2002, 2003, 2008 and 2015.

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Members of the Lakeshore Lancer Marching Band perform their show, "The Masque of the Red Death," Saturday at Ford Field in Detroit. The band won its second straight Flight III title, and the program's fifth overall state championship.

Bailey Wiese crowned Miss Baroda

By DAVE JOHNSON
For The Herald-Palladium

WIESE

DEPUMPO

FAUST

BRIDGMAN — Bridgman High School senior Bailey Wiese was named Miss Baroda Sunday afternoon at the Bridgman High School Performing Arts Center.

Joining Wiese (who also was chosen as Miss Congeniality) in the 2017 Miss Baroda Court are first runner-up Rebecca DePumpo and second runner-up Marissa Faust.

Wiese, 17, is the daughter of Glenda and Brian Wiese. Her extracurricular and community activities include soccer, Interact, band, basketball, DECA and the Bridgman Schools public feeding program. She is an honor student and section leader in band. Wiese said she enjoys painting, working out, going to the beach hanging out with friends and listening to music.

After graduation Wiese plans to attend Eastern Michigan University to major in psychology.

"I'm looking forward to this whole experience with these girls. It's going to be amazing, I can feel it," Wiese said after winning.

She also thanked the judges, friends and family, and "everyone else" taking part in the pageant moments after beginning her reign.

DePumpo, a 17-year-old senior at Lakeshore High School, is the daughter of Kelly DePumpo. She plans to attend Western Michigan University to major in music therapy.

Faust is an 18-year-old Lakeshore senior. She is the daughter of Frederick and Lori Faust. She said she plans to play soccer in college before owning her own cafe.

Also crowned on the BHS Performing Arts Center stage was Little Miss Baroda 2017 Paxton Beyer, 9, the daughter of Betsy and Art Beyer.

Miss Baroda judges were Lisa Bowman, Lori Copeland and Marta Elliott. Little Miss Baroda judges were Heidi Cuthbert, Sheri Kesterke and Marilyn Peppers. Pages were Lexi Parker, Chloe Evans and Kaitlyn Baird.

Hoffman Farms wine tasting room open after fire

By JOHN TURK
The Oakland Press

DETROIT — About six months after a fire burned to the ground a nearly finished wine tasting room at an Oakland County commissioner's Highland Township farm, the business has been fully rebuilt and will have a grand opening next spring.

"I thought this was a winning combo," said Bob Hoffman, a Republican commissioner whose 299-acre farm sits in the 2500 block of Rose Center Road.

"People like history, farms and wine. And I'm the eternal optimist – I just always think things are going to work out.

"I was devastated after the fire. But to me, there was only one choice: To rebuild as fast as I could"

The 1,900-square-foot building is connected to a horse-riding arena and stables and was slated to become Hoffman's wine tasting room. The Oakland Press reports that it burned down April 14 due to stain-soaked rags that ignited when they were left in the structure, which was under construction at the time.

Hoffman, who put years into the planning and construction of the building, opened the doors of the wine tasting room Oct. 7 as a "soft opening," with a grand opening planned in the spring of 2017.

The entrance of the business sits under a portico with pillars lining the front of the structure. Inside, customers can taste any of Hoffman Farms' wines, which run from $14-16 a bottle, in a common standing area with hardwood floors and a large bar that overlooks a professional horse-riding arena and practice area.

Construction is still underway on portions of the wine room, with an upstairs room designed to look like the White House's Oval Office.

His "eternal optimism," as he says, has him hoping for much more.

Couple's beekeeping hobby is a sweet deal

By BOB GROSS
The Times Herald

NORTH STREET — If you believe in omens, maybe Tim and Darla Volke weren't meant to be beekeepers.

Fortunately, they didn't let a little lightning stop them from pursuing a home hobby that culminated with recognition for the best white honey at the recent Michigan Beekeepers Fall Conference Oct. 21-22 in Flint.

They've only been keeping bees for about a year and a half, and the Flint conference was the first time they had entered their honey in any kind of competition.

"Mine was considered white honey," Tim Volke said. "I ended up taking first place, which was shocking to me."

The Volkes live out in the country in a house surrounded by wildflowers – literally acres of goldenrod in the late summer and early fall. Bees have a way of finding them.

"What really led to this whole thing, a number of years back, four years I'd say, we had a bee colony take up residence in our chimney," Tim Volke said.

He said he arranged to have a beekeeper come out to look at the situation, but nature intervened before that could happen.

"It was Memorial Day weekend," Volke said. "There was a storm and lightning struck the chimney – blew the chimney apart."

The beekeeper came out the next weekend, and he and the Volkes examined the wreckage of the chimney.

"There was a pile, thousands of bees in this pile," Darla Volke said. "They were all dead from the lightning."

That wasn't, however, the last of the Volkes' bee guests. Another swarm invaded the soffit of their home, prompting them to learn more about the insects and for Tim Volke to build a hive.

"The bees love our house," Darla Volke said.

But that colony didn't survive the winter in the soffit, The Times Herald reported. The Volkes then ordered bees from California and started a hive in April 2015. That colony survived and split into a second colony that Tim Volke moved to another hive.

The Volkes said they were motivated more by honeybee deaths and hive losses throughout the world than by a taste for honey.

"That got us going," Tim Volke said. "We became more involved in helping the honey bees."

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same page."

The council initiated the joint master plan process in order to qualify for state grants to help pay for infrastructure improvements to the village's industrial park. Roads, water, and sewer have to be put in if the village hopes to fully develop the park, Getz said.

The village and township will hold a public hearing on the proposed joint plan at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, Getz said. The council and the township board would then have to approve the joint plan at their January meetings, he added.

In a related area, the council debated whether $9,000 an acre is a fair price for industrial park land.

"Nine thousand dollars is cheap," Trustee Ed Rath said. "It is cheap," Getz agreed.

Getz said a buyer is interested in purchasing a two-acre lot in the park on Hills Road. While Getz said he doesn't "think this individual would do it," the council also talked about ways to make sure speculators don't buy the land at cheap prices and then sell at higher prices once the infrastructure improvements go in.

Charles Eckenstahler, the council's economic consultant, said the council could state that the buyer must put up a building within a certain time period. However, "I wouldn't recommend going any further" on what sort of building, he added.

Also last night, the council approved BABA's proposal to start putting public art in downtown Baroda.

BABA Trustee Greta Hurst said the organization has approved a plan to put Jim Small's "Exhausted" sculpture outside the municipal building. BABA also wants to place several more sculptures around the downtown area, she said.

The council approved BABA's plan, though the Baroda Township Board will also have to approve placing "Exhausted" outside the municipal building.

Hurst said Small has waived the usual artist's stipend for public art. The sculpture, which is for sale, would remain at its site one to two years, she said.

If someone buys the sculpture, BABA will get at 25 percent commission, Hurst said.

AUDITOR

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council should be the ones initiating getting the survey done rather than some of the employees in line to get raises. "I think in the future, this is something the council should do," she said. "It's not the employees' place to be involved in wage discussions."

In the end, the raises which will be given out over three years were approved unanimously. Richter said the range of the raises in dollar terms was between $900 and $3,300 over the three years with the salaries of some employees having to be raised more than others to meet the average for similar employees in other places.

TECHNOLOGY

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off at the high school.

On the wireless network at the high school, Parsons told board members more than 2,000 devices are in use daily.

"It's a busy network, but we have a great infrastructure," Parsons said. "We're very lucky to have it."

He said the plan moving forward is to focus on website compliance and find more resources to expand teacher training.

Superintendent Ann Cardon said it's been amazing to see how students have reacted to using technology in the classroom.

"We pride ourselves on our use of technology," Cardon said. "We have spent a lot of money on technology, but it's something used every day in every classroom."

Other agenda items

EP Clarke Elementary Principal Michelle Allen gave a presentation on what her school has been doing to close the gap with other schools.

The board also recognized the boys tennis and girls gold team for their accomplishments this fall.

Also, the Nov. 14 school board meeting was cancelled. The next expected meeting is Dec. 5.

MOSAIC

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Harbor said he was in one of the first training classes offered at 200 Paw Paw after it opened in 1998.

"That's just what it was – a class," said Smith, who is a crew leader for Harbor Shine. "The skills I had already had, they pushed it, but they didn't push it enough to help me get a job. But Jobs For Life is not only a program that works. I found a family. ... This program has taken me to a different level."

Pawloski said after the meeting that while Mosaic CCDA still hopes to buy the city-owned building, the organization is looking at other options.

He said the Mosaic On The Move Capital Campaign to raise $850,000 for the move continues. A benefit dinner launching that effort will be at 6 p.m. Friday at First Church of God in St. Joseph.

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Woman pushed to her death in front of oncoming train

NEW YORK (AP) — A woman was crushed to death by a subway train Monday in New York City after another woman pushed her onto the tracks at the bustling station beneath Times Square, police said.

Authorities said the women were on the platform shortly after 1 p.m. and had been seen having some kind of discussion or argument.

Then one woman pushed the other, a 46-year-old, in front of a southbound No. 1 train. She died at the scene.

Police said witnesses flagged down two police officers standing on the platform and the suspect was apprehended within minutes.

Police were looking at video surveillance to determine what led to the attack, Manhattan Chief of Detectives William Aubry said.

Subway deaths from pushes are not common, but there have been a few in the past few years. In 2014, Kevin Darden, 34, was charged with killing a 61-year-old immigrant from Hong Kong, Wai Kuen Kwok, by shoving him into the path of a subway train in the Bronx.

He pleaded guilty to manslaughter and is awaiting sentencing.

In 2012, Erika Menendez, a mentally ill woman who had a history of attacking strangers, shoved an immigrant from India off a subway platform in Queens.

She pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced to 24 years in prison. The victim, Sunando Sen, was 46.

Also in 2012, a homeless man, Naeem Davis, was arrested and charged with shoving Ki-Suck Han, a Korean immigrant, into the path of a subway train at a station near Times Square.

A fatal subway push in 1999 led to a state law, known as Kendra's Law, that allows supervision of certain patients outside of institutions to make sure they're taking medications and don't present a public safety threat.

It came after the death of Kendra Webdale, who was pushed to her death by a former mental patient.

Nicaragua president easily wins new term, with wife as VP

By LUIS MANUEL GALEANO
Associated Press

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — President Daniel Ortega overwhelmingly won re-election to a third consecutive term in official results announced Monday, putting him in position to govern for a quarter-century and cement family control over the country with his wife now officially vice president.

With nearly all votes counted, the ticket of the former guerrilla leader and first lady Rosario Murillo captured 72.5 percent, compared with 15 percent for the next-closest finisher among five lesser-known challengers. Their ruling Sandinista party is also poised to retain its domination of congress.

But governing during his new five-year term could prove to be a tougher task.

Opposition leaders, who had accused Ortega of rigging Sunday's election and called for a boycott, disputed the official turnout estimate and claimed many people stayed home in protest, undercutting his mandate.

Meanwhile, the Western Hemisphere's second-poorest country faces an uncertain economic future with key benefactor Venezuela in a deepening crisis and other leftist ideological allies losing power in the region.

"I think the biggest problem that Ortega faces is the legitimacy of the process by which he was re-elected, which causes it to be questioned from within and from without the country because it has not complied with rules of fair play," political scientist Humberto Meza said.

"The expectations of the people who are accustomed to subsidies for transportation, subsidies for the cost of energy, social payouts and everything else are going to increase," he added. "I don't think it's an easy thing."

If the 70-year-old Ortega completes his next five-year term, he will have been in power a total of about 25 years, including a decade or so after his Sandinista revolution toppled dictator Anastasio Somoza in 1979.

Critics said the election was unfairly tilted after court rulings that first allowed Ortega to seek a new term and later barred his strongest opponents from running and unseated nearly all opposition lawmakers in congress. They accuse him of creating a new a political dynasty with his wife.

In a statement, the U.S. State Department expressed deep concern over "the flawed presidential and legislative electoral process in Nicaragua, which precluded the possibility of a free and fair election."

Ortega, Murillo and the Sandinistas are genuinely popular in Nicaragua, however, with approval ratings consistently in the upper 60 percent range thanks to steady if modest economic growth, low violence relative to elsewhere in Central America and social programs that put roofs on homes and pay for school lunches.

"His 40 social projects have helped to partly resolve poverty and basic necessities," former guerrilla commander Eden Pastora said. "These projects will not end all need overnight because Daniel is not a magician, but they have had results ... and that's why they keep re-electing him."

Although still the hemisphere's poorest nation after Haiti, Nicaragua has seen poverty fall in the last decade under Ortega. His supporters will expect him to continue to lower poverty and bolster the social programs.

He will have to do it without the estimated $500 million provided annually by Venezuela from 2007 to 2014 under a program begun by the late Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. Beset by severe economic contraction and rampant inflation, Venezuela is no longer in a position to continue such largesse.

"I think the most likely challenge that (Ortega's) going to face is economic, particularly as the Venezuelan oil stops flowing," said Gregory Weeks, a political scientist at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte. "Nicaragua has been bolstered so much by Hugo Chavez over the years that it's going to find it rough going."

The U.S. Congress also has pending legislation that would require Washington to oppose loans to Nicaragua from international lending institutions, which could put a further crimp in Ortega's ability to fund anti-poverty measures.

"One of the main challenges is to seek legitimacy for his government, especially from the international community. Ortega knows that now more than ever he must ensure his government's access to the resources of international cooperation and loans from multilateral organizations," Nicaraguan analyst Felix Maradiaga said.

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The forces of Trumpism won't be easy to tamp down

Although Donald Trump's defeat is a prerequisite to national recovery, the profound damage he has done to our nation will not be wiped away if he loses.

And even if she wins, Hillary Clinton will still be feeling the effects of the multiyear campaign waged by Republicans in Congress to destroy her. The evidence suggests that her GOP foes will try to end her presidency prematurely by colluding with an implacably hostile conservative media and, it now seems, right-wing agents inside the FBI.

E.J. Dionne

Clinton got good news on Sunday when FBI Director James B. Comey announced that his decision not to charge her would remain unchanged after the agency's review of newly discovered emails.

But Comey's announcement only underscored his own recklessness in issuing his Oct. 28 letter announcing the existence of the emails before the FBI even knew what was in them. His letter poisoned the political atmosphere against Clinton without any justification – to the great advantage of Trump and the glee of her congressional critics.

So while I celebrate the conclusion of the most abysmal campaign of my lifetime, I fear that this will not end the division, aggression and rancid prejudice Trump has nurtured.

A Trump victory would unleash the furies. But even a Trump loss will not advance the cause of social peace and mutual tolerance unless the majority of Americans who still believe in making our experiment in self-government work insist on the need for Congress to govern, not obstruct. Abraham Lincoln had little use for political grudges: "I am in favor of short statutes of limitations in politics." His successors in the Republican Party would no doubt declare him a sellout for harboring such sentiments.

After all we have learned about Trump's selfishness, indiscipline, mendacity, greed, misogyny, vindictiveness and intellectual laziness, it should not be necessary to continue to make a case against him. The man who opened his campaign by declaring that many immigrants to our country from Mexico are "rapists" has legitimized far-right politics and the open expression of bigotry. White nationalism has flourished in the garden of Trumpism.

Voters know about his treatment of women, his shortchanging those who worked for him, his warm statements about authoritarian leaders, his readiness to be assisted by Vladimir Putin's minions, his denigration of a Gold Star family and a heroic POW, and his open promises to use the instruments of government to punish his enemies. Long ago, all this should have reduced his share of the vote to single digits.

The fact that Trump, on the contrary, still has a chance of victory speaks to a profound distemper in the country. Our deep divides along lines of party, race, class, gender and region guarantee even a man as deeply flawed as Trump a firm foundation of support. And many of our fellow citizens, shaken by economic and social changes, are hurting so much that they have embraced the opportunity to use Trump as a way of expressing their rage.

Trump's rise challenges both sides of politics. The massive support for Trump among white working-class voters suggests that they do not find the economic promises of progressive politicians sufficiently persuasive or believable to entice them away from the riskiest vote they will ever cast in their lives. Liberals have much work to do.

But the true disgrace is the timidity and opportunism of Republican leaders. By supporting Trump, legions of Republican officeholders, including House Speaker Paul D. Ryan (Wis.) and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (Ky.), have signaled that this preposterous candidate's endorsement of their ideological agenda of tax cuts and deregulation matters far more to them than his authoritarian tendencies or his intolerance. History has not been kind to pro-business conservatives who in the past tried to use far-right demagogues to crush enemies to their left.

And the end of the campaign has found Trump in close alliance with Clinton's Republican tormentors in Congress. Reps. Jason Chaffetz (Utah), Darrell Issa (Calif.), Trey Gowdy (S.C.) and their allies have spent years hurling charges and driving up Clinton's unpopularity.

They gave Trump his talking points in the final days, with a major and outrageously misleading assist from the FBI. Comey's second letter could not undo the gratuitous damage he caused Clinton or her party by abruptly altering the trajectory of the campaign.

One does not have to overlook her mistakes or her failings to insist that nothing Clinton has done justifies the hatred that has come her way. She is one of the most prepared and disciplined Americans ever to seek the presidency. She has devoted her life to public service, and her record as a senator and secretary of state won her high favorable ratings – which Congress's taxpayer-financed investigation machine systematically set about to bring down.

If Clinton does prevail, the country will need to back up its rejection of Trump with a rebuke to those who would use Trumpian tactics to deny her legitimacy and stymie the government's ability to function. Unending investigations that manufacture accusations based on preconceived conclusions is not Congress's mission. The vile spirit of this campaign cannot be allowed to contaminate the next four years.

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Could Trump lose the way Gore lost?

New Hampshire is a tiny state with about 1.3 million people. California has eight counties with larger populations than that. But in presidential campaigns, size doesn't matter.

Donald Trump and Barack Obama will be in New Hampshire on Monday. The 39 million residents of California can only watch from afar.

In most political races, candidates spend the most time where they can reap the most votes. In presidential campaigns, however, they often seem to shun any place where large numbers of ballots are cast. California, Texas and New York are the most populous states. But from the number of candidates they've seen lately, they might as well be Siberia.

Steve Chapman

The reason for this weird pattern is a weird institution – the Electoral College, which is what we actually use to choose presidents. Each state has as many votes as it has members of Congress, and 48 states are winner-take-all. Whoever can amass 270 electoral votes becomes president.

This unusual formula has the effect of steering candidates away from large states that have a strong bent toward one party or the other. Lose by one vote or a million votes in most places and you get the same electoral harvest: nothing. No one campaigns in California, despite its 55 electoral votes, because it's a haven for Democrats. No one wastes time in Texas, with 38 electoral votes, because it's almost impossible for Republicans to lose.

New Hampshire could go either way. So it's worth fighting over despite the meager reward at stake: four electoral votes.

A few big states, such as Florida and Ohio, find themselves swarmed with candidates and carpet-bombed with TV ads every four years because neither party can take them for granted. But in other vote-rich places, it's almost possible to forget there's an election.

Democrats turned angrily against the Electoral College in 2000, when they discovered it's possible to win the popular vote and lose the election. They might have seen it coming. Back in the 1980s, Republicans were said to have a lock on the Electoral College because they had a clear advantage in 39 states that accounted for 441 electoral votes. Democrats wondered whether they would ever overcome that handicap. They have. These days, it's Republicans who face a nearly impregnable electoral fortress. The 17 states that have voted for the Democratic nominee in each of the past four presidential elections command 242 electoral votes. The 22 that have gone Republican every time have only 180.

That's why you keep hearing about Trump's "narrow path to victory." He has to capture several states that Mitt Romney lost in 2012 to win, including Florida, Ohio, Iowa, Nevada and, yes, New Hampshire. Hillary Clinton just has to hold on to one of them to be practically assured of victory.

The Electoral College tilt means she could plausibly lose the popular vote and still take the oath of office Jan. 20. Trump couldn't. NPR calculated that in 2012, it was possible to win the presidency with 23 percent of the popular vote. It's a strange mechanism that we accept only because it so rarely affects the outcome. The winner of the popular vote almost always wins the electoral vote. But as President Al Gore can attest, there are glaring exceptions to the rule.

The only reason for the lengthy postelection court battle in 2000 over how to count the votes in Florida was the Electoral College. Without it, the hanging chads in Palm Beach County would have been a trivial curiosity – because Gore got nearly 544,000 more votes nationwide than George W. Bush.

Traditionalists regard the Electoral College as a sacred creation of the Founding Fathers, whose genius must be respected. But the Framers really had only the dimmest idea what they were doing.

Historian Carl Becker wrote in 1945 that "their grasp of political realities, ordinarily so sure, failed them in this instance. Of all the provisions of the federal Constitution, the electoral college system was the most unrealistic – the one provision not based solidly on practical experience and precedent."

Practical experience has shown that the only possible function of the Electoral College is to deliver the presidency to someone the American people have rejected. Democrats would be happy to abolish it. What would it take to get Republicans to agree? Something that could happen Tuesday.

Steve Chapman is a columnist for The Chicago Tribune.

LETTERS

It'll be great to move past this endless election

Editor,

Our neighbor to the north, Canada, does its political campaigns and elections in three months. Our country, the good old USA, takes up to 18 months campaigning just to get to the election!

It'll be good to see the political signs coming down and on into the trash, which will end up in the landfills. It'll also will be good to see just commercials on TV instead of the mud-slinging political messages!

My mother used to tell me, "If you can't say something nice about someone, don't say anything."

Ken Schneider
Eau Claire

Trooper given award was the target of a lawsuit

Editor,

I am writing this in regards to trooper Jim Janes of the Michigan State Police being named an outstanding officer ("MADD recognizes Niles post trooper," In brief, Oct. 23). I just wonder, with his unprofessional background of bullying and his racial profiling and harassment of a young black man, what led to him being called "outstanding." I happen to know the young man involved with his harassment, which led to Janes and the state police being sued and an out-of-court settlement being awarded.

This is factual and can be found on websites and via the Freedom of Information Act.

Janes has been talked to several times about his behavior toward co-workers and people in the community. Strangely, this lawsuit was never published in the local papers. The community should know who he really is. I am sure there are other state troopers worthy of this award and not him.

One last point, I was also stopped by Janes and was shocked and angered by his behavior and attitude.

Ben Eliss
Benton Harbor

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SHENEMAN TRIBUNE CONTENT AGENCY
THANK GOD THIS CAMPAIGN IS ALMOST OVER. I CAN'T TAKE ANOTHER DAY OF THIS GARBAGE.
SOMEBODY PUT A CRUZ 2020 SIGN ON OUR LAWN.

Smile. We're all going to be just fine

You can feel the tension. Strolling down the street, shopping at the corner market, stopping for a bite at the local tavern, friends and neighbors greet each other as usual but avoid the elephant sauntering around like he owns the place.

It's best not to talk politics this close to the election.

Kathleen Parker

But when an impudent columnist asks the next fellow in the grocery line – "Have you voted yet?" – and his answer hints at a Trump ballot, neighboring eyes cast downward, while sparks sizzle in their human casings.

A brief frisson has transpired. Chuckling nervously, we plunge through the door into a cool, sunny breeze, thinking: Thank God this will be over soon.

Will it?

No one knows, but a sense of dread has attached to the "Day After." This is because after 18 months of rabble-rousing and anger management (not in a good way), we've created a sort of Potemkin nightmare of partisan division and revolutionary strife. *Never before has this country been so divided*, goes the usual chorus of pundits and commentators.

Except, that is, for every other election year since voting began.

Our Founding Fathers, for all their cleverness, were hardly soft-spoken. The Civil War needs no editorial comment. The 1960s weren't exactly a paddleboat cruise down the Mississippi.

In other words, our politics have always been thus, though with one significant difference. Whereas Paul Revere had to ride several hours on horseback to deliver the news that the British were coming, we never stop receiving news of everything, everywhere in real time that passes before we can stand athwart history and gasp, "Oh, my God, no!"

Through media in all its forms, we exhaust and are exhausted by the insignificant. To tune in is to believe that Western civilization is nearing collapse, regardless of who holsters up and swaggers into the White House next January. Which is precisely what you're supposed to think. You're *supposed* to think everything is falling apart. You're *supposed* to believe that life has never been worse.

Donald Trump was right when he said the system is rigged, but not in the way he meant. It isn't rigged against him. He's part of the ecosystem of media, political consultants, producers, politicians and propagandists that are rigged against The People – and it's working just fine. Everyone's in on the same game, which is essentially to ensure that The People gobble up what they've been serving – and what they're serving is resentment, fear and anger.

Sure, people were upset about stuff. But what we feel now was mass-produced by a propaganda industry that profits most when people are worked up.

You want a good money tip? Invest in outrage.

As Nov. 9 dawns, Americans are sure to be mad as hell. Those happy with the victor will be re-angry soon enough when they realize they won't be getting what they were promised. This is the good news. Thanks to the brilliance of our tripartite government, nobody gets to be dictator. And despite what nearly everyone seems to believe, our "broken government" works pretty well most of the time.

If Trump wins, he'll be held in check more or less by the House and Senate because that's the way our system of government is set up. Not even Republicans are eager to follow Trump's lead.

There won't be a wall. He won't impose any religion-based immigration restrictions because even Trump isn't that lame-brained. He'll dress up and behave at state dinners and be funny when called upon. He'll even invite the media to the White House holiday party. He won't nuke Iran for rude gestures, or assault women. He and Vladimir Putin will hate each other, respectfully.

If Hillary Clinton wins, she's not going to suddenly become a lunatic. As a senator, she worked across the aisle and earned the admiration of her colleagues. She'll manage the military because she, like Trump, honors the troops and they know it. She'll make sure her Supreme Court appointments will protect Roe v. Wade, but otherwise, the jury's always out. Former Justice David Souter and Chief Justice John Roberts both demonstrated the box-of-chocolates rule: You never know (exactly) what you'll get.

The same, alas, can be said about both Clinton and Trump. Whatever they've projected or promised won't be reflected in the reality of the presidency. It never is. Whatever they may wish to be, the president is only one-third of the equation – granted, with an armed force.

On a happier note, either way – cue Gloria Gaynor – oh, yes, we will survive.

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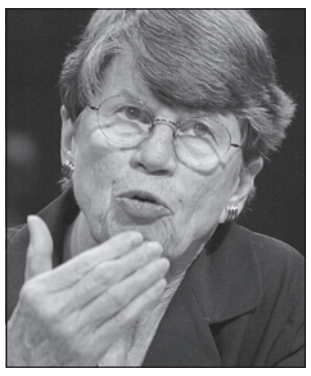
Janet Reno, former U.S. attorney general, dies at age 78

By CURT ANDERSON
Associated Press



Dennis Cook / AP

Former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno testifies before the commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks on Capitol Hill in Washington in 2004. Reno, the first woman to serve as U.S. attorney general and the epicenter of several political storms during the Clinton administration, has died early Monday. She was 78.

MIAMI — Janet Reno, who was the first woman to serve as U.S. attorney general but also became the epicenter of multiple political storms during the Clinton administration, died early Monday. She was 78.

Reno died from complications of Parkinson's disease, her goddaughter Gabrielle D'Alemberte said, adding that Reno spent her final days at home in Miami surrounded by family and friends.

A former Miami prosecutor who famously told reporters "I don't do spin," Reno served nearly eight years as attorney general under President Bill Clinton, the longest stint in a century.

Her sister, Maggy Reno Hurchalla, told The Associated Press that Clinton called over the weekend said to "tell Janet I love her" and that many others from her career visited or called, including former Florida governor and Sen. Bob Graham. Bill and Hillary Clinton issued a statement praising Reno's tenure and President Barack Obama called her "an American original" in his own statement.

"When Janet Reno arrived in Washington in 1993, the city had never seen anyone like her before – and hasn't since," Obama said. "Her legacy lives on in a generation of lawyers she inspired, the ordinary lives she touched, and a nation that is more just."

One of the administration's most recognizable and polarizing figures, Reno faced criticism early on for the deadly raid on the Branch Davidian compound at Waco, Texas, where sect leader David Koresh and some 80 followers perished.

She was known for deliberating slowly, publicly and in a blunt manner. Reno frequently said "the buck stops with me," borrowing the mantra from President Harry S. Truman.

After Waco, Reno figured into some of the Clinton administration's controversies and scandals, including Whitewater, Filegate, bungling at the FBI laboratory, Monica Lewinsky, alleged Chinese nuclear spying and questionable campaign financing in the 1996 Clinton-Gore re-election.

In the spring of 2000, Reno enraged her hometown's Cuban-American community when she authorized the armed seizure of 5-year-old Elian Gonzalez. He was taken from the Little Havana home of his Miami relatives so he could be returned to his father in Cuba.

During her tenure, the Justice Department prosecuted the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing case, captured the "Unabomber" Theodore Kaczynski that same year and investigated the 1993 terrorist attack on New York's World Trade Center. The department also filed a major antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft Corp. and Reno was a strong advocate for protecting abortion clinics from violence.

Attorney General Loretta Lynch praised Reno's integrity, and called her a trailblazer and "one of the most effective, decisive and well-respected leaders" in Justice Department history.

Lynch said Reno applied one test: "to do what the law and the facts required. She accepted the results of that test regardless of which way the political winds were blowing."

Miami U.S. Attorney Wifredo Ferrer, who worked for Reno in Washington from 1995-2000, said, "Even if you agreed or disagreed with her, you knew she was coming from a place of integrity." He added, "Through her work, through her decisions, she exhibited a lot of strength and a lot of courage."

After leaving Washington, Reno returned to Florida and ran unsuccessfully for Florida governor in 2002 but lost in a Democratic primary marred by voting problems.

Born July 21, 1938, Janet Wood Reno was the daughter of two newspaper reporters and the eldest of four siblings. She grew up on the edge of the Everglades in a cypress and brick homestead built by her mother and returned there after leaving Washington. Her late brother Robert Reno was a longtime columnist for Newsday on Long Island.

After graduating from Cornell University with a degree in chemistry, Reno became one of 16 women in Harvard Law School's Class of 1963. Reno, who stood over 6 feet tall, later said she wanted to become a lawyer "because I didn't want people to tell me what to do."

In 1993, Clinton tapped her as the first woman to lead the Justice Department after his first two choices – also women – were withdrawn because both had hired illegal immigrants as nannies. Reno was 54.

"It's an extraordinary experience, and I hope I do the women of America proud," Reno said after she won confirmation.

Getting it straight

The Herald-Palladium makes every effort to ensure accuracy in its stories.

If you think there is an error, please contact the editor of the page on which it occurred. If you are unsure of whom to contact, call Assistant Local News Editor Jim Dalgleish at 429-1293.

Clarification

Jon Anderson was the lead vocalist for the band Yes from 1968-1980 and again from 1983-2008. While Trevor Rabin replaced Steve Howe in Yes, playing with Yes members in 1982 after the original lineup broke up in 1980, the band technically didn't start calling itself Yes again until 1983. These points were unclear in an article detailing the history about the band Anderson, Rabin and Wakeman, which appeared in Thursday's Sight & Sound section.

Obituaries

Dorothy Ann Grinewitzki

GRINEWITZKI

Dorothy Ann Grinewitzki, 88, of St. Joseph passed away on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016, at Woodland Terrace Senior Living Communities in Bridgman.

A celebration of life service will take place at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016, at First Assembly of God Blue Roof Church, 3084 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with the Rev. Hans Frank officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m. until the time of service at the church. Burial will follow at Crystal Springs Cemetery in Benton Harbor. Memorial donations may be made to John 3:16 Children's Home in Brazil. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Dorothy was born May 30, 1928, in Benton Harbor, to Henry and Tillie (Geik) Kraklau. On Nov. 23, 1946, Dorothy married Karl Grinewitzki in Benton Harbor. Dorothy's love of antique dolls began when her father handmade a dollhouse for the miniature furniture she was collecting. Her passion for antique dolls and collectibles grew into a lifelong hobby. Dorothy became an antique doll dealer and collector, sewed doll clothes from antique clothing, and was a member of the Blossomland Antique Doll Club. Dorothy also loved gardening in the spring months, spending time with her grandchildren, and being active in her church. Dorothy was a strong and loving daughter, sister, mother, grandma and friend.

The Grinewitzki family would like to thank the Woodland Terrace Senior Living Community for taking such great care of Dorothy.

Dorothy is survived by her children, Joyce Vogt of Ludington, Mich., and Karla (Joe) Giannola of Benton Harbor; grandchildren: Lindsay, Michelle, Tracey and Matthew Giannola, Andrew and Jimi (Katie) Russell; and great-grandchild, Scarlett Russell.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Karl; daughter, Sandra Russell; son-in-law, John Russell; son-in-law, Stephen Vogt; and brother, Henry Kraklau.

Jeannette Landry

LANDRY

Jeannette Landry, 89, of South Haven passed away Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016, at the Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo.

She was born Feb. 28, 1927, to Francis and Clara (Aulie) Beckwith in South Haven. She graduated from South Haven High School in 1944. She married Laurence Landry on Nov. 22, 1946, in South Haven. Jeannette worked at and retired from the South Haven Rexall Drugs company. Jeannette also served on the South Haven Community Hospital Auxiliary. She was a member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Haven.

She was preceded in death along with her parents; by two sisters, Agatha Kiry and Elvira Howe; and brothers, Neil Beckwith and Dale Beckwith.

Jeannette is survived by her husband of 70 years, Laurence Landry; children: David (Jan) Landry of Fennville, Jeff (Diane) Landry of South Haven, Carol (Lowell) Kempfert of Neenah, Wis., and Laurie (Mike) Bame of Benton Harbor; siblings: Mae Markstrom of South Haven, Phil (Eva) Beckwith of Salado, Texas, and Dean (Laura) Beckwith of Grand Junction; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016, at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in South Haven. Memorial services will follow visitation at 11 a.m. at the church with the Rev. Stephen Daley officiating. Contributions may be made to the St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 718 Arbor Court, South Haven, MI 49090. Kindly share your thoughts and memories on the family's online guest book at www.FilbrandtFFH.com. The family is being helped by the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home of South Haven, 637-0333.

Donald 'Don' Allen Clark

Donald "Don" Allen Clark, 69, of Benton Harbor passed away Friday, Nov. 4, 2016, at his home.

A celebration of life service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016, at Crystal Springs Church of God, 1465 Pipestone Road, Benton Harbor, with the Rev. William Bridgman officiating. Burial will take place at Lincoln Township Cemetery at a later date. Friends may visit from noon until the time of service at the church.

CLARK

Those wishing to sign Don's guest book may do so online at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Don was born on April 8, 1947, in St. Joseph, to Frank A. and Freda (Heyn) Clark. He proudly served our country in the U.S. Army from 1968-74. On Dec. 8, 1973, Don married the love of his life, Deborah Mitchell, in St. Joseph. Don was a hard-working man. He worked for Modar, Curleys Auto Sales and then worked for the Berrien County Courthouse in the custodial and maintenance department before he retired. He had a love of cars and was an avid NASCAR fan. In his spare time, he enjoyed watching westerns, wrestling and collecting various items.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Don is survived by his loving wife, Deborah; son, Allen (SoCyarria Ward) Clark; daughter, Jeanne Radde; sisters: Dixie Leah Alexander, Della Marie Richter and Doris Ann Pesko; grandchildren: Zachary (Kala), Amber, Megan and Serena Radde; and one great-grandchild, Hunter Radde.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, and brother, Wayne Delbert Clark.

Death notices

Judith Ann (Tefs) Companion, 75, of St. Joseph died Nov. 1, 2016, at her residence. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Kathryn C. Holaday, 71, of Stevensville died Nov. 4, 2016, at her residence. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

John Keki, 96, of Berrien Springs died Nov. 5, 2016, at home. Allred Funeral Home, Berrien Springs, 471-3729.

Elephant poachers are hard at work in Africa, and carbon dating proves it

By AMINA KHAN
Los Angeles Times (TNS)

Elephant poaching is alive and well – and the elephants are not. A team of scientists examining seized shipments of elephant tusks from Africa have found that the vast majority of the ivory came from elephants that died within the last three years.

The sobering results, published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, reveal that the killing of elephants for their ivory is continuing at a disturbing pace – even as elephant populations across the continent are in sharp decline.

While poaching had been easing for several years, it has returned with a vengeance in the last decade or so, said lead author Thure Cerling, a geochemist at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. Central African forest elephants have fallen by an estimated 62 percent from 2002 to 2011. At the Selous Wildlife Reserve in Tanzania, savanna elephants have declined 66 percent from 2009 to 2013.

"There's been a staggering rate of elephant loss every year," Cerling said.

Last year, in a study led by Samuel Wasser of the University of Washington, scientists analyzed the DNA locked in 28 large seizures of ivory (at least half a ton each) made between 1996 and 2004, and matched it to 1,350 DNA samples taken from dung gathered at 71 spots across 29 different countries. Now they could map the ivory's sources, and watch as patterns of poaching changed as elephants in one country dwindled or as political pressure ramped up.

But some suggested that these seized shipments might not be ivory from recently killed animals, but old ivory "leaking" out of government stockpiles.

"Some people were saying, well, we don't need to worry so much because there's big stockpiles of ivory, so we're getting legacy ivory into the market … and other people were saying, no, no, no, these are all recent deaths," Cerling said.

To answer that question, the researchers analyzed 231 samples of ivory taken from 14 large caches (at least half a ton) confiscated between 2002 and 2014. They analyzed the carbon-14 in the pulp cavity inside the ivory, using a sample taken near the base – which would record the last two or three months of growth before the elephant died.

Scientists can figure out exactly how long ago an elephant died thanks to the Cold War-fueled nuclear arms race. The U.S. and Russia's spate of nuclear testing in the 1950s and '60s nearly doubled the global concentration of a certain carbon isotope, carbon-14, by 1963. That spike of carbon-14 is recorded in tree rings, in the bottom of the oceans, even in our own teeth. Because this isotope's abundance has been declining at a well-known rate in the years since, scientists can use the carbon-14 concentration to tell when a living tissue first formed.

The researchers found that some 90 percent of the ivory was taken from animals that died less than three years before the ivory was seized by government officials. Out of 231 analyzed specimens, only one had a lag time longer than six years, the authors wrote.

"That means all of the ivory that's being seized by customs is (from) very recently killed elephants," Cerling said. "So indeed, the crisis is severe if we're going to preserve this species on our planet."

There is a small silver lining: The findings showed that "legacy" ivory was not leaking out of sealed government stockpiles, as some had feared.

"So that's a very positive finding, that we're not finding government officials selling old ivory or allowing that to happen," Cerling said.

Part of the problem is that while demand for ivory in Europe and North America has dropped, markets in increasingly prosperous countries in Southeast Asia, such as China, Vietnam and the Philippines, have been growing.

"So basically in 1989 in North America and Europe, most people said OK, yeah this is a bad thing and so ivory very quickly became something that's not a desirable object," Cerling said. "But that's not true in Southeast Asia – and so when their economy improved, it became a desirable object."

Educating potential consumers in these countries is key, he added – as is working with courts to ensure that they mete out severe sentences for breaking national and international laws on poaching.

"We've got a lot to do," Cerling said. "And we've got to do it fast."

'I voted from space': Lone American off planet casts ballot

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The lone American off the planet has cast his vote from space, keeping with NASA's motto of "Vote while you float."

NASA said Monday that astronaut Shane Kimbrough filed his ballot in Tuesday's presidential election from the International Space Station sometime over the past few days. He arrived at the orbiting lab in mid-October.

Before launching on a four-month mission, Kimbrough said it was going to be special, being able to say "I voted from space."

By the time he's back on Earth in February, America will have a new commander in chief. Astronauts are "pretty much apolitical," he told reporters last month. "And I'll be glad to welcome the new president, whoever that is."

The previous U.S. space station resident, Kate Rubins, also cast an absentee ballot from up there, before returning to Earth a week ago, according to NASA.

A 1997 Texas law allows U.S. astronauts to vote from space. For NASA astronauts, home is Houston when they're not circling the globe. A secure electronic ballot is forwarded to the astronauts by Mission Control in Houston and returned by email to the county clerk.

Kimbrough is sharing the space station with two Russians. The crew will double in size at the end of next week, adding another American, a Russian and a Frenchman.

Do you remember?

25 years ago – 1991

Members of the Monday Musical Club got a pleasant surprise recently when they learned that one of their pianos is quite a rarity.

Club members bought a used Steinway in 1942 for $675. During its recent restoration, piano expert James Reeder of Lansing told members that the piano is covered with a veneer of highly-grained African mahogany, a finish used only in the 1920s. The piano is now valued at $25,000, said piano fund chairman Georgianna Conrad.

35 years ago – 1981

Officials of Grace Christian School said they are embarking on a program to raise $260,000 for a proposed gymnasium-auditorium addition to the main school.

Tom Trussler, director of development for the school, told about 400 people attending a banquet that the school will try and sell 25 shares in a dairy herd as part of the backing for a loan through a Christian investors' group in Idaho. The shares would be sold at $13,000 each. He said the school has 120 days to sell the shares.

50 years ago – 1966

Kenneth Judd is seeking his eighth term as Arlington Township supervisor this fall. The 54-year-old Republican will lead an unopposed slate of candidates for township office. Others seeking office are Harold Freestone, clerk; Rudolph Hay, treasurer; and James McLarty, trustee.

Today in history

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 8, the 313th day of 2016. There are 53 days left in the year. This is Election Day.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Nov. 8, 1966, Edward W. Brooke, R-Mass., became the first black candidate to be elected to the U.S. Senate by popular vote. Republican Ronald Reagan was elected governor of California, defeating Democratic incumbent Pat Brown. President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a measure allowing the merger of the American Football League and the National Football League.

On this date:

In 1793, the Louvre began admitting the public, even though the French museum had been officially open since August.

In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln won re-election as he defeated Democratic challenger George B. McClellan.

In 1889, Montana became the 41st state.

In 1923, Adolf Hitler launched his first attempt at seizing power in Germany with a failed coup in Munich that came to be known as the "Beer-Hall Putsch."

In 1932, New York Democratic Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt defeated incumbent Republican Herbert Hoover for the presidency.

In 1960, Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kennedy defeated Vice President Richard M. Nixon for the presidency.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Few Showers	Few Showers	Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy
59º	43º	55º / 40º	58º / 44º	53º / 36º	48º / 33º

Local Outlook

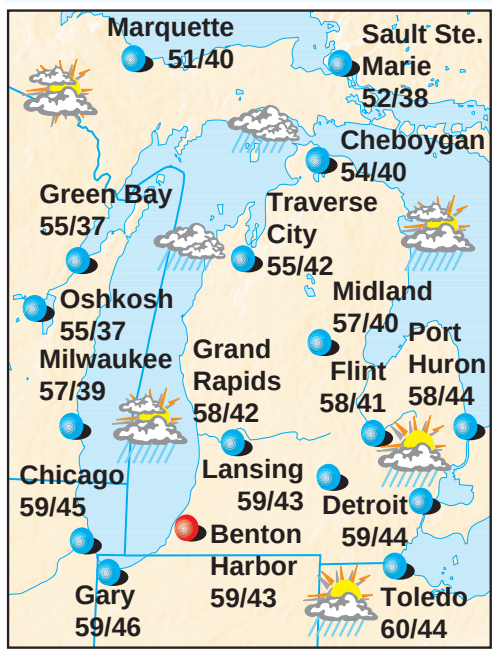
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 40% chance of showers, high temperature of 59º, humidity of 82%. Southwest wind 10 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 30% chance of showers, overnight low of 43º. North wind 10 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise . . . . . 7:29 a.m.
Sunset . . . . . 5:30 p.m.
Moonrise. . . . . 2:15 p.m.
Moonset . . . . . 12:17 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
11/14	11/21	11/29	12/7

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor yesterday

Temperature

High	65º
Low	40º
Normal High	51º
Normal Low	35º
Record High	70º in 1975
Record Low	17º in 1991

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.64"
Normal month to date	0.75"
Year to date	36.51"
Normal year to date	31.78"

Air Quality

Yesterday..... 58
Main Offender.....Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50.....Good
51-100.....Moderate
101-150....Sensitive
151-200..Unhealthy

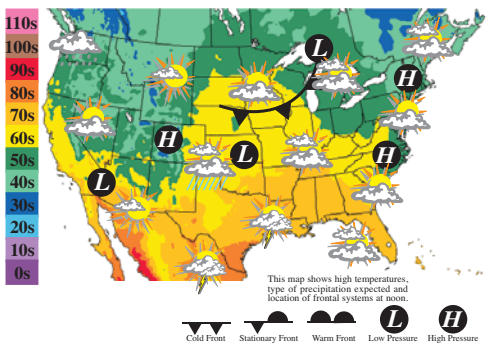
Weather Trivia

What is the "zone of weather" also known as?

Answer: The troposphere. It extends up to about 18,000 feet.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Nov. 8, 2016



Lake Michigan

Today, WSW wind 13 to 21 kt becoming NNW in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 27 kt. A chance of showers. Waves 3 ft building to 7 ft. Water temperature 54 degrees.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Expect partly cloudy to cloudy skies today with isolated showers, highs in the 50s. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph. Skies will be mostly sunny to partly cloudy Wednesday with highs in the 40s and 50s.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy to cloudy with scattered showers, highs in the 50s. Southwest wind 9 to 11 mph. Wednesday, skies will be mostly sunny to partly cloudy with highs in the 50s.

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moment in the race, though she still heads into Election Day with multiple paths to the 270 Electoral College votes needed to become the nation's first female president.

"I think I have some work to do to bring the country together," she acknowledged as she boarded her plane for her last battleground tour. "I really do want to be the president for everybody."

Looking beyond Election Day, Clinton said in a radio interview that she hopes Trump will play a "constructive role" in helping bring the country together if she defeats him.

Trump was aggressive to the end, slamming Clinton as the "face of failure." Having made the new FBI review a centerpiece of his closing case to voters, he argued that the Democrat was being protected by a "totally rigged system."

"You have one magnificent chance to beat the corrupt system and deliver justice," Trump said. "Do not let this opportunity slip away."

The comments were a reminder that Comey's news, delivered in a letter to lawmakers on Sunday, was a doubled-edged sword for Clinton. While it vindicated her claims that the emails would not yield new evidence, it ensured that a controversy that has dogged her campaign from the start would follow her through Election Day.

Andrew Harnik / AP

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton speaks to members of the media before boarding her campaign plane at Westchester County Airport in White Plains, N.Y., Monday to travel to Pittsburgh.

Across the country, nearly 24 million early ballots were cast under the shadow of Comey's initial announcement of a new email review. That number represents more than half of the roughly 42.5 million people who had cast votes by Monday afternoon, according to Associated Press data.

The inquiry involved material found on a computer belonging to Anthony Weiner, the disgraced former congressman and estranged husband of Huma Abedin, a longtime Clinton aide. Comey said Sunday the FBI reviewed communications "to or from Hillary Clinton while she was secretary of state."

Clinton tried to fly above the controversy Monday and was not expected to address the matter during stops in Michigan and North Carolina. She was also headlining an evening rally in Philadelphia with President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama, along with rock stars Bruce Springsteen and Jon Bon Jovi.

Evan Vucci / AP

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks during a campaign rally, Monday in Sarasota, Fla.

Nearing the end of his two terms in the White House, Obama was nostalgic as he launched his own busy day of events, noting that he was probably making his last campaign swing for the foreseeable future.

"Whatever credibility I have earned after eight years as president, I am asking you to trust me on this. I am voting for Hillary Clinton," Obama said.

Clinton is banking in part on high turnout – particularly among Obama's young, diverse coalition of voters – to carry her over the finish line Tuesday. Roughly half the states with advance voting have reported record turnout, including Florida and Nevada, which have booming Hispanic populations, a possible good sign for Clinton.

In Florida alone, Hispanic participation is up by more than 453,000 votes, nearly doubling the 2012 level. Black turnout is up compared to 2012, but that share of the total vote is lower due to bigger jumps among Latinos and whites, according to University of Florida professor Daniel Smith.

In Nevada, where more than three-fourths of expected ballots have been cast, Democrats also lead, 42 percent to 36 percent.

Trump deputy campaign manager David Bossie downplayed the impact of increased Hispanic participation, telling reporters on a conference call, "We feel that we're going to get a good share of those votes." However, he sidestepped two questions about the level of Hispanic vote Trump needs to win the presidency.

Without victories in Florida and Nevada, Trump's path to 270 electoral votes would be exceedingly narrow. He already must win nearly all of the roughly dozen battleground states.

Trump planned to campaign at a breakneck pace through Election Day. Following the rally in Florida, he headed to North Carolina and then was off to Pennsylvania and New Hampshire. After voting in New York this morning, Trump was to return to Pennsylvania, Michigan, Ohio, North Carolina and New Hampshire.

Midway through his travels Monday, Trump praised his supporters for having created a "movement." But he warned it would all slip away if he loses Tuesday.

"Go vote," he urged. "Or honestly, we've all wasted our time."

Associated Press writers Kathleen Hennessey, Hope Yen, Jonathan Lemire and Steve Peoples in Washington and Josh Lederman in Ann Arbor, Michigan, contributed to this report.

MARRIOTT

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Western Hotel in Benton Township. "I think these new hotels are generating a lot of employment opportunities in the area, and it's also showing how much Benton Harbor and St. Joseph is growing as a place of business."

Milewski said the Marriott hotel has and will continue to work with Whirlpool Corp. and Cook Nuclear Plant. He said the hotel developer has shown interest in the township because of its proximity to such businesses and events like the Senior PGA Championship that is hosted locally every two years.

Growing up in South Bend, Milewski said he was still surprised to learn how popular the area has become for destination weddings.

"Since I've been out here working, I never knew how much tourism came through here," Milewski said. "We deal with a lot of weddings and people come from around the state for tours at breweries and wineries."

Tony Wittkowski / HP staff

Clint Milewski, general manager of the Springhill Suites by Marriott, stands in the hotel's lobby Monday. The Benton Township hotel opened Friday.

What's inside?

With more of a modern look, there are "television boards" along the walls in the lobby.

All of the rooms are bigger than the standard size hotel room.

Added Milewski: "We have a lot of internet ports and electrical outlets made for the working person on the go. ... We've made it so you can sit anywhere and have access to do your work – but in comfort."

There is also a large fitness room, as well as a smaller pool and a business center with faxing, copying capabilities and two computer stations. Travelers can also sit on a patio with an outdoor fire pit.

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PARSONS

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and was driving on the shoulder of the freeway as fast as he could and closed his eyes.

The judge asked Parsons at sentencing which version was true, and Parsons said, "The intent was to kill myself. I drove onto the shoulder and closed my eyes."

Cotter said there is a big difference between a drunk who passes out and a drunk who purposely closes his eyes while speeding down an interstate highway, intending to kill himself.

A Michigan Supreme Court ruling last year gave judges more leeway in determining sentences. They could always deviate from guidelines, but in the past they had to state a "substantial and compelling" reason on the record.

Although the guidelines are now advisory, not mandatory, sentences still must be reasonable and all variations may be reviewed by a higher court. Judges and lawyers say the difficulty is in defining what is reasonable.

Cotter said that in Parsons' case, he did not think the scoring for his sentence accurately reflected what he did.

"He said he'd intended to kill himself. He knowingly created a very high risk of death by barreling down I-94 at 90 mph and closing his eyes," Cotter said Monday. "That is an intent that was admitted."

The judge said that in reviewing the case, he found that Parsons had attempted suicide before with pills, and had undergone mental health treatment.

"This time, he was not going quietly into the night. He attempted what I would call a murder/suicide," Cotter said. "I just feel like this young man is dangerous."

Parsons, who was appearing by video from a state prison, put his head in his hands and shook his head.

"My sentence is going to stand. I don't see any reason to change it," Cotter said.

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Butler, Gibson help Bulls top Magic

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Lions continue to find ways out of tight spots

Andy Clayton-King / AP

Detroit Lions kicker Matt Prater (5) celebrates with teammates after making a 58-yard field goal during the second half against the Minnesota Vikings, Sunday.

By NOAH TRISTER
AP Sports Writer

ALLEN PARK — In every game they've played this season, the Detroit Lions have been trailing or tied at some point in the final two minutes of regulation.

Perhaps that's why they approached last weekend's predicament at Minnesota with so much poise.

Down three with 17 seconds remaining and no timeouts, Matthew Stafford completed a 27-yard pass to Andre Roberts. Then the Lions calmly rushed to the line, and Stafford was able to spike the ball, setting up Matt Prater's 58-yard field goal that tied it. Detroit beat the Vikings 22-16 in overtime .

"I think you have to attribute it to the guys that we have on the field," coach Jim Caldwell said. "They function pretty well in tight situations. It's that old saying about, you don't rise to the occasion but you sink to the level of your preparation, and our guys have prepared I think pretty well."

The Lions (5-4) have had plenty of drama already this season, with every game decided by seven points or fewer. They needed field goals in the final two minutes to beat Indianapolis, Philadelphia and Los Angeles — and Prater's kick against Minnesota saved Sunday's game. Detroit also beat Washington last month on a touchdown with 16 seconds remaining.

Add it all up, and the Lions are a half-game out of first place in the NFC North as they head into their bye week. It's a far cry from where Detroit was during its open date last season, which came after the Lions got off to a 1-7 start.

Detroit shook up its front office during its bye week last season, firing general manager Martin Mayhew and team president Tom Lewand. The Lions won six of their final eight games after that. It wasn't enough to salvage the season, but the playoffs are in reach in 2016.

After falling behind 16-13 on Sunday when Minnesota scored a touchdown with 23 seconds left, the Lions took over at their own 25. Golden Tate caught an 8-yard pass and went out of bounds, then Stafford

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BH native Bell to try out for Packers

By HP STAFF

Benton Harbor native and NFL running back Joique Bell is scheduled to work out this week with the Green Bay Packers, according to several national media reports.

Bell spent four weeks this season with the Chicago Bears before being cut last month. He only had three carries for six yards.

Prior to this season, Bell spent four years with the Detroit Lions. For the Lions, he rushed 561 times for 2,235 yards and 22 touchdowns.

He showed his versatility as a receiver, with 161 catches for 1,640 yards and one touchdown.

Green Bay (4-4) has struggled with its running game this season. The Packers have had numerous injuries at running back and have cycled through a few journeyman running backs to help fill the gaps.

Matt Ludtke / AP

Deion Sanders talks to Benton Harbor native and former Chicago Bears running back Joique Bell before a game against Green Bay last month. Bell has since been released by the Bears and reportedly will try out with the Packers this week.

Lack of labor contracts could slow MLB offseason

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — With baseball's collective bargaining agreement set to expire Dec. 1, trade talk and free-agent signings could go slowly this offseason.

Major league general managers gathered Monday for the start of their annual meeting, in the shadow of Camelback Mountain, with guitar music playing over speakers and the smell of mesquite in the hotel courtyard.

There is an extra level of uncertainty.

"We don't know what rules we're playing yet under," Boston Red Sox president of baseball operations Dave Dombrowski said Monday. "Knowing some of that's important, because I don't really know what we're dealing with, and you wouldn't want something thrust upon you that surprised you — that there were penalties attached that you may not like or you may like."

Negotiators for owners and players have been meeting since spring training, and talks were set to continue this week in Arizona, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because no public statements were authorized.

The sides have not reached agreement on many of the contentious issues, including management's desire for a draft of international amateur players, the threshold where the luxury tax will start next year or whether there will be changes to the draft-pick compensation system for premier free agents. Baseball has not had a work stoppage since 1994-95, and Commissioner Rob Manfred expresses confidence there will be an agreement by December.

"There's certainly uncertainty until they do," agent Scott Boras said. "I'm sure they're going to want to know the impact of it. Why wouldn't you?"

With teams operating under the rules of the old agreement, Toronto sluggers Jose Bautista and Edwin Encarnacion, and New York Mets outfielder Yoenis Cespedes and second baseman Neil Walker were among 10 free agents to receive $17.2 million qualifying offers Monday.

Chicago Cubs outfielder Dexter Fowler, and Los Angeles Dodgers closer Kenley Jansen and third baseman Justin Turner also received the offers, as did major league home run leader Mark Trumbo of Baltimore. Texas outfielder Ian Desmond and Philadelphia

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Tim Donnelly/ AP Photo

Chicago Cubs' Kris Bryant is safe at home as Cleveland Indians catcher Roberto Perez puts on a late tag during Game 7 of the World Series Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016.

Racking up awards

Cubs' Bryant, Lester, Hendricks and Maddon up for major awards

NEW YORK (AP) — Fresh off leading the Chicago Cubs to their first World Series title in more than a century, slugger Kris Bryant and several teammates could soon be hoisting more hardware.

Bryant is among the top three vote-getters for the NL MVP award, with manager Joe Maddon and pitchers Jon Lester and Kyle Hendricks in contention for other honors.

The Baseball Writers' Association of America announced the finalists Monday. Voting was completed before the postseason, and the awards will be presented next week on MLB Network.

A season after he was the NL Rookie of the Year, Bryant hit 39 home runs with 102 RBIs while batting .292. The third baseman also scored a league-high 121 runs.

Washington second baseman Daniel Murphy, who batted .347 for the NL East champions, and Dodgers rookie shortstop Corey Seager also are up for NL MVP.

AL batting champion Jose Altuve of Houston, 2014 winner Mike Trout of the Angels and Boston outfielder Mookie Betts are the AL finalists. The MVPs will be announced Nov. 17.

The AL Cy Young Award is between Cleveland ace Corey Kluber, Boston's Rick Porcello and Detroit's Justin Verlander. In the NL, it's Lester, Hendricks or Washington's Max Scherzer on Nov. 16.

Detroit's Michael Fulmer, the Yankees' Gary Sanchez and Cleveland's Tyler Naquin are finalists for AL Rookie of the Year. Seager, Dodgers teammate Kenta Maeda and Washington's Trea Turner are the NL contenders, with the top rookies announced next Monday.

Maddon, Washington's Dusty Baker and Dave Roberts of the Dodgers are up for NL Manager of the Year. Cleveland's Terry Francona, who guided his team into the World Series, Texas' Jeff Banister and Baltimore's Buck Showalter are the AL candidates. Those honors will be awarded Nov. 15.

The Cubs led the majors with 103 wins during the regular season.

Last year, Chicago won three major awards after reaching the NL Championship Series. In addition to Bryant earning rookie honors, Maddon was the NL Manager of the Year and pitcher Jake Arrieta took home the NL Cy Young Award.

Broncos go for 10-0 record vs. Kent St.

By TOM WITHERS
AP Sports Writer

KENT, Ohio — While the nation counts ballots, No. 14 Western Michigan might be able to influence some voters Tuesday night.

One of five unbeaten teams in the Top 25 , the Broncos (9-0) jumped three spots in the poll this week and have risen steadily despite minimal national attention. They will get a chance to showcase what they're all about on election night in a televised game against Kent State (3-6), which has played better than its record.

There's a lot on the line as Western Michigan, No. 23 in the initial college football playoff ranking and the highest rated Mid-American Conference school in the AP poll since Ball State was No. 12 in 2008, plays its final road conference game.

A victory would give the Broncos their first 10-win season in school history, extend their winning streak to 12 — only top-ranked Alabama has a longer one — and keep them in line for a major bowl bid. If Western Michigan wins its final three regular-season games and the MAC championship game, it would be in line to go to the Cotton Bowl, which reserves a spot for the highest-ranked, non-Power Five conference team.

Don't tell any of that to Western Michigan coach P.J. Fleck, who continues to preach his "Row the Boat " motivational mantra to anyone who will listen. Fleck has turned around a program that went 1-11 in

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Michael Conroy / AP

Western Michigan wide receiver Corey Davis (84) attempts a catch over Ball State cornerback Marc Walton (23) in the end zone during the second half of the game in Muncie, Ind., on Nov. 1, 2016

IN BRIEF

Time, date announced for Berrien game

Berrien Springs Div. 5 regional championship game against Grand Rapids West Catholic will be at 4:30 p.m. Satruday at Sylvester Field.

Tickets will be available at the high school office starting Wednesday. Gates open at 2:30 p.m.

RV's Rieth takes 71st at state XC finals

River Valley's Jessie Rieth finished 71st in Div. 4 state cross country finals on Saturday at Michigan International Speedway.

Rieth, a sophomore, finished the race with a time of 21:26.8.

Her results were mistakenly omitted from Saturday's Sports section.

Coaching spots open at Lake Mich. Catholic

Lake Michigan Catholic has two coaching positions open.

The Lakers are looking to find a coach for the girls eighth-grade basketball team and the middle school football team.

Those interested in applying for these openings, please contact Neil Carter at ncarter@lmclakers.org.

Lake Michigan College beats Indiana Tech

BENTON TOWNSHIP— Shawnee Dame and Hailey Maas led the Lake Michigan College women's basketball team to a 79-52 win over Indiana Tech Monday night.

Maas scored 15 points and Dame added 10.

The Redhawks are now 2-0.

Cubs select Rosario from Triple-A Iowa

CHICAGO (AP) — The World Series champion Chicago Cubs selected right-hander Jose Rosario from Triple-A Iowa and claimed righty Conor Mullee off waivers from the New York Yankees.

Rosario combined to go 2-1 with 14 saves and a 2.50 ERA for Single-A Myrtle Beach, Double-A Tennessee and Iowa after missing the 2015 season because of a right elbow injury. Mullee debuted with the Yankees this past season and made three appearances over two stints.

Chicago activated Mullee from the 60-day disabled list Monday along with right-hander Aaron Brooks, lefty Zac Rosscup and infielder Christian Villanueva. The Cubs also activated right-hander Dallas Beeler from the 60-day DL and outrighted him to Triple-A Iowa, and they outrighted Andury Acevedo and catcher Tim Federowicz to the minor league club.

Chicago's 40-man roster stands at 34 players.

Shields keeps deal with White Sox

CHICAGO (AP) — James Shields is keeping his contract with the Chicago White Sox rather than become a free agent after tying for the big league lead in losses.

The 32-year-old right-hander was acquired from San Diego on June 4 for pitcher Erik Johnson and shortstop prospect Fernando Tatis Jr.

An All-Star in 2011, Shields was 13-7 in his first season with the Padres in 2015, then went 2-7 this year before the trade. He finished 6-19 with a 5.85 ERA, tying Tampa Bay's Chris Archer for the most defeats.

Shields agreed in February 2015 to a $75 million, four-year deal with the Padres that called for a $10 million salary in the first season and $21 million in each of the next three years. The agreement includes a $16 million club option for 2019 with a $2 million buyout.

As part of the trade, San Diego sent Chicago $8,770,492 this year. Because he kept the contract, the Padres must send the White Sox an additional $11 million in each of the next two years, raising the total to $30,770,492.

Nadal to return next month in Abu Dhabi

Rafael Nadal will return from a wrist injury to play an exhibition in late December in United Arab Emirates.

The 14-time Grand Slam champion said Monday on his Facebook page he will compete in the six-player, $250,000 Mubadala World Tennis Championship. The event is not connected to the ATP Tour and will be held in Abu Dhabi from Dec. 29-31.

Top-ranked Andy Murray is also scheduled to play, as is fourth-ranked Milos Raonic. Nadal beat Raonic in the previous final.

Last month, Nadal said he was cutting short his 2016 season to fully recover from an injured left wrist that sidelined him for more than two months this season.

The 30-year-old Spaniard recently missed a tournament in Basel, Switzerland, and last week's Paris Masters. He also will miss the season-ending ATP Finals that begin Sunday in London.

AIRWAVES

Television today

7:00 p.m. (Csnch) **NHL Hockey** San Jose Sharks at Washington Capitals. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **NHL Hockey** Detroit Red Wings at Philadelphia Flyers. (Live)
7:30 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Football** Western Michigan at Kent State. (Live)

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Volleyball** Indiana at Michigan. (Live) (CC)
(ESPN) **NBA Basketball** Brooklyn Nets at New York Knicks. (Live)
7:30 p.m. (Csnch) **NBA Basketball** Chicago Bulls at Atlanta Hawks. (Live) (CC)
8:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Football** Teams TBA. (Live)
(NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Chicago Blackhawks at St. Louis Blues. (Live)
9:00 p.m. (FoxDetroit) **NBA Basketball** Detroit Pistons at Phoenix Suns. (Live)
9:30 p.m. (ESPN) **NBA Basketball** Houston Rockets at San Antonio Spurs. (Live)
3:00 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Nedbank Golf Challenge, First Round. (Live)

Radio Wednesday

7:30 p.m.
NBA — Bulls at Hawks (WLS-AM, 890)
8 p.m.
NHL— Blackhawks at Blues (WGN-AM, 720)

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If Harvick wins Phoenix, there's only 1 spot left in Chase

By JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Only an amateur would fill out a Chase for the Sprint Cup championship bracket and not mark Kevin Harvick down for a win at Phoenix.

Harvick has proven he's just about unbeatable in the desert, and when his playoff chances are on the line, he's delivered time and again. Harvick has won six of the last nine races at Phoenix, finished second in two of his losses and is guaranteed to show up this weekend with a car capable of demoralizing the field.

Assuming it will take nothing short of a freak incident to keep Harvick out of victory lane, there's essentially only one spot in the finale up for grabs Sunday.

Problem is, there are five drivers jockeying for that last spot.

And only two points separate three of those drivers in the standings.

To say there will be some brokenhearted teams on Sunday is an understatement. This year's version of the Chase has been anticlimactic, sometimes even boring, but this bottleneck in the standings is something to behold.

Reigning series champion Kyle Busch and Joey Logano are tied in the standings. Busch teammate Matt Kenseth is just one point back, and Denny Hamlin sits two points out.

Only one of them is making it to the final four Nov. 20 at Homestead-Miami Speedway if Harvick wins, and the chances of Joe Gibbs Racing getting multiple cars into the championship took a hit on Sunday. The team dominated the regular season and had 50 percent of the drivers in this round of eight.

Once a threat to get all four cars into the finale, JGR is only guaranteed to be represented by Carl Edwards, who used a fast pit stop to win a rain-shortened race Sunday night at Texas. It was the least optimal outcome for JGR in terms of getting multiple cars into the finale.

Edwards, you see, was last in the playoff standings and that miracle win gave him an automatic berth. Although the rules show two spots still remaining and three JGR drivers hovering at the top of the standings, the threat of a Harvick win at Phoenix has burst JGR's hopes.

So here's the situation:

HARVICK FOR THE WIN: He's an eight-time winner at Phoenix and has absolutely owned the place since the track was reconfigured in 2011. He's also in a situation that Harvick handles quite well — he pretty much has to win or won't make it to the finale for a third straight year.

Harvick is known as a macho driver brimming with confidence, and he didn't seem concerned about his positioning headed into Phoenix. His warning? He'll just go to Phoenix and do what he always does there.

JGR: The team had hoped to sweep the finale but can't because Jimmie Johnson earned one of the spots with a win at Martinsville. Best case scenario is that the team gets two more cars into the final, but that will certainly come with hard internal feelings.

Busch, Kenseth and Hamlin will likely all be racing for themselves on Sunday and teamwork will be an afterthought.

It wouldn't be a shock if JGR doesn't get even one more car into the finale because anything can happen on Sunday.

LOGANO: He won at Talladega in the last round to stave off elimination, and he doesn't need to win at Phoenix to make it to Homestead. He's essentially racing the Gibbs cars and trying to finish higher than the three Toyotas so he can snatch a spot on points.

It'll be a tough battle, but Logano likes sticking it to the team that let him go three years ago.

KURT BUSCH: He's an afterthought right now after iffy performances in the last two races have him ranked last in the standings. He most certainly has to win at Phoenix to advance, and it's a good track for Busch. He has four consecutive top-10 finishes at Phoenix and could pull off a miracle.

Should he get the win, it will come at the expense of Stewart-Haas Racing teammate Harvick. Based on the standings, they both can't make the final four.

Paul Moseley / Star-Telegram via AP
Kevin Harvick puts his radio earpieces in before qualifying for Sunday's NASCAR Sprint Cup auto race at Texas Motor Speedway, Friday, Nov. 4, 2016.

BASEBALL

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pitcher Jeremy Hellickson got qualifying offers, too.

Players have until next Monday to accept. For free agents who decline and sign elsewhere, their new team loses a high selection in next June's amateur draft and their old club gets an extra pick after the first round. Only players who spent the entire season with one team are eligible for qualifying offers.

"The one aspect of the collective bargaining agreement that may not be resolved any time soon is this question of draft-choice compensation, which is probably what could change the market one way or the other," Mets general manager Sandy Alderson said. "I don't think the new rules are going to get more onerous to the players, and it's not clear whether they'll be less onerous for clubs."

None of the 34 qualifying offers was accepted in the first three years of the current labor deal, but among the 20 free agents given offers last year when the price was $15.8 million, Baltimore catcher Matt Wieters, Houston outfielder Colby Rasmus and Dodgers left-hander Brett Anderson accepted.

Approximately 160 major league free agents can start discussing money terms with all teams on Tuesday. Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said he already reached out to the agent for Aroldis Chapman, the hard-throwing closer who helped the Chicago Cubs win the World Series after a July trade from New York.

Cashman met Friday with Yankees owner Hal Steinbrenner to discuss payroll budget.

"I'm not going to tell what the number is, but he gave me a number," Cashman said.

The luxury tax threshold was $189 million for each of the last three seasons, and a record six teams are projected to pay this year: the Yankees ($27 million), the Los Angeles Dodgers ($25 million), Boston ($6 million), Detroit ($3.9 million), the Cubs ($3.7 million) and San Francisco ($3 million each).

On the last day of the so-called "quiet period" before free-agent negotiations start, the Los Angeles Angels exercised a $7 million option on third baseman Yunel Escobar, Texas opted to pay a $1.5 million buyout to left-hander Derek Holland rather than exercise an $11 million option, and the Seattle Mariners acquired Carlos Ruiz from the Dodgers for left-hander Vidal Nuno and exercised the catcher's $4.5 million option.

Left-hander Scott Kazmir decided not to opt out of the final two seasons of his contract with the Dodgers, choosing to keep $32 million in pay rather than become a free agent after going 10-6 with a 4.56 ERA in 26 starts.

Right-hander James Shields kept his contract with the Chicago White Sox rather than become a free agent after tying for the big league lead with 19 losses. The 32-year-old gets $21 million in each of the next two seasons, with San Diego reimbursing Chicago for $11 million annually.

BRONCOS

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his first season and may be college football's best story in 2016.

"We're not even there yet," Fleck said. "This is part of the journey. We're a long way away from our goal."

A national title is out of the question, but that doesn't diminish what Western Michigan has done this season, which began with a 22-21 win over Northwestern. The Broncos also have a win over Illinois on their resume and have been gaining support as the season wears on.

They've got a few NFL-caliber players on their roster, led by wide receiver Corey Davis, who is coming off a three-touchdown, 272-yard performance in a win over Ball State.

Before the Ball State game, Fleck told Davis that he was going to be used heavily as Western Michigan's coaches designed their game plan for him.

"I told him this is going to be a huge day for you, if you prepare and get yourself ready and ready to have one of the best games you've ever had," Fleck said. "And there it goes, 272 yards, three touchdowns and he left a lot of meat on the bone as well. He could have had 340 or 350 yards."

Here are some other things to watch as the Broncos try to stay unbeaten:

KENT COUNT 'EM OUT

Kent State's record could easily be reversed. The Golden Flashes have lost four games by a combined 15 points.

They also won't be intimidated playing a ranked school as they know what it's like to take on the best after traveling to Tuscaloosa in Week 2 and getting thrashed 48-0 by the Crimson Tide. But Kent State finally has some positive momentum after rallying from 14 down in the second half last week to win 27-24 at Central Michigan.

DOMINANT DAVIS

An All-American candidate, the 6-foot-3, 213-pound Davis has pro scouts buzzing. He leads the nation with 14 receiving TDs and he's on the verge of becoming the FBS career yardage leader.

Davis needs to 209 yards for that mark and one TD to become the MAC's career leader in touchdown catches.

LIONS

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found Roberts in the middle of the field.

Detroit hustled to the line, being careful to line up properly and avoid a penalty. Stafford spiked the ball with 2 seconds left, and Prater's kick was down the middle.

"That is perfect execution from everybody," said Tate, who ended up scoring the winning touchdown in overtime. "That situation with 23 seconds and no timeouts, I won't say we're done, and mentally you know it is not over until it says zero on the clock."

Caldwell said his players practice situations like that and have developed confidence.

"We go through every conceivable situation in the league," he said. "If we see some that are a little precarious and a little tough ... we'll say, 'Hey, I'm going to use that one for our mock this particular week.' We take those real-life examples and utilize those to try to test our team. More often than not, we take a few timeouts off of it so we make them operate with no timeouts rather than giving them a crutch."

If the season ended now, the Lions would be in the playoffs as a wild card. After their weekend off, they have a winnable home game against a last-place Jacksonville team, and their final three home games after that are against NFC North opponents.

Detroit has been in some difficult spots this season, but the Lions have turned enough of those late-game deficits into wins that they'll have a lot to play for down the stretch.

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INDIANA TECH (52)
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LMC (79)
Shawnee Dame 4 2-3 10, Brooke Becker 3 1-2 7, Jade Mosier 7 -1-2 16, Kelsey Kinder 5 -2-2 14, Hailey Maas 5 4-4 15, Raasheedeah Harris 2 0-0 4, Hannah Schneider 1 0-0 2, Haley Madison 1 0-0 2, Shannon Dingman 2 0-0 6, Jordan Hess 1 0-0 2. Totals: 31 11-19 79.

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Record— LMC 2-0.

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East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	1	0	.875	217	132
Miami	4	4	0	.500	173	182
Buffalo	4	4	0	.500	212	172
N.Y. Jets	3	6	0	.333	173	235

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	5	3	0	.625	137	167
Tennessee	4	5	0	.444	217	226
Indianapolis	4	5	0	.444	239	256
Jacksonville	2	6	0	.250	153	215

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	4	4	0	.500	154	153
Pittsburgh	4	4	0	.500	184	171
Cincinnati	3	4	1	.438	167	189
Cleveland	0	9	0	.000	168	273

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	7	2	0	.778	245	223
Kansas City	6	2	0	.750	185	151
Denver	6	3	0	.667	214	166
San Diego	4	5	0	.444	268	247

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East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	7	1	0	.875	223	140
N.Y. Giants	5	3	0	.625	161	164
Washington	4	3	1	.563	186	189
Philadelphia	4	4	0	.500	202	145

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	6	3	0	.667	305	259
New Orleans	4	4	0	.500	242	238
Tampa Bay	3	5	0	.375	180	232
Carolina	3	5	0	.375	204	206

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	5	3	0	.625	155	126
Detroit	5	4	0	.556	205	206
Green Bay	4	4	0	.500	198	187
Chicago	2	6	0	.250	131	179

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	4	2	1	.643	131	109
Arizona	3	4	1	.438	179	140
Los Angeles	3	5	0	.375	130	167
San Francisco	1	7	0	.125	167	260

Sunday's Games
Dallas 35, Cleveland 10
Detroit 22, Minnesota 16, OT
N.Y. Giants 28, Philadelphia 23
Baltimore 21, Pittsburgh 14
Miami 27, N.Y. Jets 23
Kansas City 19, Jacksonville 14
Carolina 13, Los Angeles 10
New Orleans 41, San Francisco 23
Indianapolis 31, Green Bay 26
San Diego 43, Tennessee 35
Oakland 30, Denver 20
Open: Washington, Arizona, Chicago, New England, Houston, Cincinnati
Monday's Games
Buffalo at Seattle
Thursday's Games
Cleveland at Baltimore, 8:25 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Denver at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Houston at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Los Angeles at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Washington, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Miami at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.
Dallas at Pittsburgh, 4:25 p.m.
Seattle at New England, 8:30 p.m.
Open: Detroit, Buffalo, Indianapolis, Oakland
Monday, Nov. 14
Cincinnati at N.Y. Giants, 8:30 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

All Times EST
Tuesday
No. 14 Western Michigan at Kent State, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday
No. 15 North Carolina at Duke, 7:30 p.m.
No. 13 Utah at Arizona State, 9:30 p.m.
Friday
No. 20 Florida State vs. Boston College, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
No. 1 Alabama vs. Mississippi State, Noon
No. 2 Michigan at Iowa, 8 p.m.
No. 3 Clemson vs. Pittsburgh, 3:30 p.m.
No. 4 Washington vs. Southern Cal, 7:30 p.m.
No. 5 Louisville vs. Wake Forest, 7 p.m.
No. 6 Ohio State at Maryland, 3:30 p.m.
No. 7 Wisconsin vs. Illinois, 3:30 p.m.
No. 8 Auburn at Georgia, 3:30 p.m.
No. 9 Oklahoma vs. No. 25 Baylor, Noon
No. 10 Texas A&M vs. Mississippi, 7:30 p.m.
No. 11 West Virginia at Texas, Noon
No. 12 Penn State at Indiana, Noon
No. 16 Colorado at Arizona, 10 p.m.
No. 17 Oklahoma State vs. Texas Tech, 3:30 p.m.
No. 18 Virginia Tech vs. Georgia Tech, 3:30 p.m.
No. 19 LSU at Arkansas, 7 p.m.
No. 21 Nebraska vs. Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.
No. 22 Florida vs. South Carolina, Noon
No. 23 Washington State vs. California, 10:30 p.m.
No. 24 Boise State at Hawaii, 7 p.m.

Big Ten Conference
East

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Michigan	6	0	273	51	9	0	432	96
Ohio St.	5	1	233	87	8	1	403	124
Penn St.	5	1	204	148	7	2	310	230
Indiana	3	3	152	173	5	4	244	239
Maryland	2	4	141	194	5	4	264	245
Michigan St.	0	6	134	199	2	7	212	271
Rutgers	0	6	73	241	2	7	175	331

West

Minnesota	4	2	182	133	7	2	301	208
Nebraska	4	2	129	150	7	2	259	209
Wisconsin	4	2	121	83	7	2	214	124
Iowa	3	3	131	145	5	4	239	192
Northwestern	3	3	156	154	4	5	208	198
Illinois	2	4	127	180	3	6	212	265
Purdue	1	5	145	263	3	6	234	333

Mid-American Conference
East

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Ohio	5	1	146	104	7	3	293	230
Miami (Ohio)	4	2	143	124	4	6	225	248
Akron	3	3	138	195	5	5	298	356
Kent St.	2	3	122	107	3	6	198	234
Buffalo	1	4	99	173	2	7	155	288
Bowling Green	0	5	130	185	1	8	191	406

West

W. Michigan	5	0	232	91	9	0	407	174
Toledo	4	1	182	120	7	2	363	205
N. Illinois	3	2	178	130	3	6	280	288
E. Michigan	2	3	121	153	5	4	267	261
Cent. Michigan	2	4	126	193	5	5	284	293
Ball St.	1	4	121	163	4	5	244	255

NBA

All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	4	2	.667	—
Boston	3	3	.500	1
New York	2	4	.333	2
Brooklyn	2	4	.333	2
Philadelphia	0	5	.000	3½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	4	1	.800	—
Atlanta	4	2	.667	½
Orlando	3	3	.500	1½
Miami	2	3	.400	2
Washington	1	4	.200	3

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	6	0	1.000	—
Detroit	4	2	.667	2
Milwaukee	4	3	.571	2½
Chicago	3	3	.500	3
Indiana	3	3	.500	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	5	2	.714	—
Houston	3	3	.500	1½
Memphis	3	4	.429	2
Dallas	1	5	.167	3½
New Orleans	0	6	.000	4½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	5	1	.833	—
Portland	4	3	.571	1½
Utah	4	3	.571	1½
Denver	3	3	.500	2
Minnesota	1	4	.200	3½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	5	1	.833	—
Golden State	4	2	.667	1
L.A. Lakers	4	3	.571	1½
Sacramento	3	5	.375	3
Phoenix	2	5	.286	3½

Sunday's Games
Utah 114, New York 109
Portland 100, Memphis 94
Sacramento 96, Toronto 91
Dallas 86, Milwaukee 75, OT
Denver 123, Boston 107
L.A. Lakers 119, Phoenix 108
Monday's Games
Charlotte 122, Indiana 100
Houston 114, Washington 106
Utah 109, Philadelphia 84
Chicago 112, Orlando 80
Oklahoma City 97, Miami 85
Detroit at L.A. Clippers
New Orleans at Golden State
Today's Games
Atlanta at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Portland, 10 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Boston at Washington, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at New York, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Utah at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.
Dallas at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Chicago at Miami, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Denver, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

BULLS 112, MAGIC 80

ORLANDO (80)
Fournier 6-12 0-0 13, Gordon 6-15 2-2 15, Ibaka 3-6 0-0 7, Vucevic 5-8 1-2 11, Payton 2-3 0-0 4, Green 2-6 0-0 5, Rudez 0-2 0-0 0, Onuaku 0-0 0-0 0, Biyombo 1-5 0-0 2, Watson 1-3 0-0 3, Augustin 2-10 0-0 6, Hezonja 4-13 0-0 9, Wilcox 1-2 2-2 5. Totals 33-85 5-6 80.
CHICAGO (112)
Gibson 7-13 2-2 16, Lopez 4-7 0-0 8, Rondo 3-7 3-6 9, Butler 5-13 10-10 20, Wade 7-12 2-2 16, McDermott 5-8 1-1 11, Zipser 0-1 0-0 0, Mirotic 2-9 1-2 6, Felicio 1-1 0-0 2, Portis 3-4 3-4 9, Grant 1-6 0-0 2, Canaan 3-6 3-4 10, Valentine 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 42-89 25-31 112.

Orlando	24	28	11	17— 80
Chicago	37	24	2	7 24—112

3-Point Goals-Orlando 9-30 (Augustin 2-7, Watson 1-1, Wilcox 1-2, Ibaka 1-2, Green 1-3, Gordon 1-4, Fournier 1-5, Hezonja 1-6), Chicago 3-19 (Valentine 1-1, Canaan 1-3, Mirotic 1-6, Zipser 0-1, Butler 0-2, Grant 0-2, McDermott 0-2, Wade 0-2). Fouled Out-None. Rebounds-Orlando 39 (Biyombo, Ibaka 7), Chicago 56 (Gibson 11). Assists-Orlando 28 (Payton 6), Chicago 26 (Butler 7). Total Fouls-Orlando 23, Chicago 11. A-21,320 (20,917).

NHL

All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	12	10	1	1	21	39	28
Tampa Bay	12	7	4	1	15	40	35
Ottawa	11	7	4	0	14	29	28
Toronto	12	5	4	3	13	37	41
Detroit	13	6	6	1	13	35	35
Boston	11	6	5	0	12	26	32
Buffalo	11	5	4	2	12	25	25
Florida	12	5	6	1	11	32	32

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	13	10	3	0	20	55	29
Pittsburgh	12	8	2	2	18	37	31
Washington	11	8	2	1	17	33	24
New Jersey	11	5	3	3	13	26	25
Philadelphia	13	6	6	1	13	47	48
Columbus	10	5	3	2	12	32	21
N.Y. Islanders	12	4	6	2	10	33	38
Carolina	11	3	5	3	9	29	38

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	13	9	3	1	19	47	33
St. Louis	13	7	4	2	16	31	34
Minnesota	11	6	4	1	13	33	22
Dallas	12	4	5	3	11	31	38
Winnipeg	13	5	7	1	11	34	41
Colorado	11	5	6	0	10	22	33
Nashville	11	3	5	3	9	28	35

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	13	9	3	1	19	40	31
Anaheim	13	6	5	2	14	35	30
San Jose	12	6	6	0	12	27	32
Los Angeles	12	6	6	0	12	28	32
Calgary	14	5	8	1	11	36	51
Vancouver	12	4	7	1	9	20	34
Arizona	11	4	7	0	8	31	42

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.
Sunday's Games
Edmonton 2, Detroit 1
St. Louis 5, Colorado 1
New Jersey 4, Carolina 1
Chicago 4, Dallas 3, OT
N.Y. Rangers 5, Winnipeg 2
Anaheim 4, Calgary 1
Monday's Games
Boston 4, Buffalo 0
N.Y. Islanders 4, Vancouver 2
Florida 3, Tampa Bay 1
Today's Games
Vancouver at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Washington, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Carolina at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Boston at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Ottawa at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Arizona at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Anaheim at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Boston, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Winnipeg at Arizona, 9 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Sent C Adam Moore outright to Columbus (IL). Activated OF Michael Brantley and RHP Carlos Carrasco from the 60-day DL.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Announced LHP Giovanni Soto was claimed off waivers by the Chicago White Sox.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Acquired C Carlos Ruiz from the Los Angeles Dodgers for LHP Vidal Nuno and exercised the 2017 club option on Ruiz.
TEXAS RANGERS — Declined a 2017 club option on LHP Derek Holland. Reinstated 1B-DH Prince Fielder and RHP Adrian Sampson from the 60-day DL.
National League
CHICAGO CUBS — Selected RHP Jose Rosario from Iowa (PCL). Claimed RHP Conor Mullee off waivers from the New York Yankees and activated him from the 60-day DL. Activated RHP Aaron Brooks, LHP Zac Rosscup and INF Christian Villanueva from the 60-day DL. Activated RHP Dallas Beeler from the 60-day DL and sent him outright to Iowa. Sent RHP Andury Acevedo and C Tim Federowicz outright to Iowa.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Named Bud Black manager.
NEW YORK METS — Reinstated RHPs Matt Harvey and Zack Wheeler and INF David Wright from the 60-day DL.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Promoted Erik Greupner to chief operating officer.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Named Jose Alguacil first base coach and Phil Nevin third base coach.
American Association
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Signed INF Ryan Fitzgerald.

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Chicago Bulls guard Jimmy Butler, right, goes to the basket against Orlando Magic center Bismack Biyombo, left, during the first half of Monday's game, in Chicago.

Butler, Bulls rout Magic

By JAY COHEN
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — Jimmy Butler scored 20 points, Taj Gibson had 16 points and 11 rebounds, and the Chicago Bulls routed the Orlando Magic 112-80 on Monday night.

Bulls 112 Magic 80

Dwyane Wade also scored 16 points and Doug McDermott finished with 11 for Chicago, which had dropped three straight. Wade went 7 for 12 from the field in 25 minutes, bouncing back nicely from a dismal four-point performance in Saturday's 111-94 loss at Indiana.

Orlando had won three straight, but it played listless defense as Chicago pulled away in the third quarter. Aaron Gordon scored 15 points for the Magic, and Evan Fournier added 13 on 6-for-12 shooting.

Butler was a perfect 10 for 10 as the Bulls went 25 for 31 at the free throw line, compared to 5 for 6 for the Magic. The Bulls have made at least 20 free throws in their last four games and five of their first seven.

Chicago led by as many as 17 points in the first half, but Gordon had a cutting dunk and Fournier made a 3-pointer to help Orlando close to 63-58 in the third.

The Bulls then ripped off the next 13 points, and the Magic never threatened again. Gibson, Rajon Rondo and Robin Lopez closed the run with three straight layups, making it 76-58 with 6:05 left.

Kamil Krzaczynski / AP

Orlando Magic center Nikola Vucevic, left, shoots against Chicago Bulls center Robin Lopez, right, during the first half of the game, Monday, in Chicago.

McDermott and Butler each converted a three-point play to help Chicago to an 88-63 lead heading into the final period. The Magic shot 4 for 21 in the third and committed six turnovers in the quarter.

Isaiah Canaan scored 10 points as the Bulls picked up a little momentum heading into a difficult stretch. Eight of Chicago's next nine games are on the road, including Wade's return to Miami on Thursday night after he signed with his hometown Bulls in the offseason.

TIP-INS

Magic: Nikola Vucevic had 11 points and six rebounds. ... The Magic shot 39 percent (33 for 85) from the field.

Bulls: Butler had seven assists and five rebounds.

The Bulls outrebounded the Magic 56-39.

FAST START

The Bulls used a 15-0 run to grab a 37-24 lead after one. The first quarter has been key for Chicago so far this season.

The Bulls allowed 20 points in the first quarter in each of their first three games, all wins. They allowed at least 31 in each of the previous three games, all losses.

"It's as simple as that," coach Fred Hoiberg said. "Need to get off to a good start. When we do that we generally play a good game."

UP NEXT

Magic: Host Minnesota on Wednesday night. The Magic have won five straight and 13 of 15 against the Timberwolves.

Bulls: Visit Atlanta on Wednesday night. The Bulls were swept by the Hawks last season for the first time since 2008-09.

Murray sets sights on ATP title

By JEROME PUGMIRE
AP Sports Writer

PARIS — Having taken Novak Djokovic's No. 1 ranking and his Paris Masters title, Andy Murray will try to grab another of his friend and rival's crowns at the ATP finals.

Murray has never won the season-ending tournament, but heads to London full of confidence after winning the Paris Masters on Sunday.

"The last few years I haven't played so well (at the ATP finals)," Murray said. "I do think playing in front of a home crowd helps. It makes a difference, so hopefully I'll be able to perform a bit better this year."

Murray did not need home supporters in Paris, beating big-serving American John Isner 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-4. He has won his past four tournaments and a career high eight this year.

This win was challenging — Isner missed six break-point chances — and it came the day after Murray ensured he'd became world No. 1. The official rankings are published on Monday.

The 29-year-old Murray has three Grand Slam titles, two Olympic gold medals, a Davis Cup title and now — finally — the top ranking for the first time.

"No one would have expected what I have done the last few months," Murray said. "I don't really know if it's sunk in or not."

Three big titles he has yet to win are still held by Djokovic: the ATP finals, the Australian Open and the French Open.

Djokovic and Roger Federer have won the finals 11 times between them since 2003, with Djokovic winning it for the past four years.

This year, Djokovic beat Murray in Grand Slam finals at the Australian Open in three sets and at Roland Garros in four.

Murray has been a runner-up eight times in majors, with five of those in Australia.

"I'd love to win the Australian Open ... It's the next major goal, because I have been close a number of times," Murray said. "I have never quite done it."

But he needs to finish off 2016, first. Murray will be the favorite when the finals begin next Sunday. He is the only British player to hold the top spot since the rankings began in 1973, and the oldest first-time No. 1 since John Newcombe at 30 in 1974.

Murray secured top spot after Milos Raonic withdrew from their semifinal on Saturday. That sent Murray through to the final and, coupled with Djokovic's quarterfinal loss, ensured enough points.

Murray reached No. 2 for the first time more than seven years ago, and his career has been all about chasing the stars of tennis.

Djokovic has 12 Grand Slam titles, Rafael Nadal has 14, and Federer is all-time leader with 17.

"Put him in any other era, he probably has more Grand Slams," Isner said of Murray.

Murray has been playing those three his whole career — and also more recently world No. 3 Stan Wawrinka — and it shows in the statistics.

Djokovic, who is one week younger than Murray, leads him 24-10; Nadal leads Murray by 17-7; and Federer's up 14-11.

Marvericks owner bans two ESPN writers from home games

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban says his decision to revoke the credentials of two ESPN writers who cover his team was driven partly by concern that automated game reports could eventually replace human-generated content.

Cuban said Monday that he banned Marc Stein and Tim MacMahon from Mavericks home games to bring attention to the issue of companies using automation in sports coverage.

The Associated Press, in a partnership with Automated Insights, produces automated stories on minor league baseball but does not use the technology for most of its sports coverage. The AP has at least one reporter at all games in the four major professional sports and most major college football and basketball games.

"Maybe I will be wrong but I see a direct path from the trends in coverage of games we are seeing over the last couple years to the automation of reporting on games and the curation of related content," Cuban wrote in an email to the AP. "This isn't a knock on wire services or their reporters. They are valued and valuable in sports coverage."

The billionaire who made his fortune through internet technology told The Dallas Morning News that ESPN had informed the club that it wouldn't have a reporter at every game and would rely on wire services. Barry Bedlan, AP's sports product manager, said ESPN "has relied on us for years."

"Nothing has changed from our perspective and there are no plans to change that," Bedlan said.

Cuban said he was responding to what he considers a disturbing trend of reporters being replaced by machines.

"While it may seem counterintuitive to ban someone from covering us as a way of stopping automation, it really was my only option," Cuban said. "As is evident by the AP partnership with Automated Insights, it's not if but when."

MacMahon has covered the Mavericks primarily for several years but has spent more time in other cities this season. Stein joined ESPN as a national NBA writer in 2000.

Alonzo Adams / AP

Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban watching his team warm up before the start of Game 1 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series in Oklahoma City on April 16, 2016.

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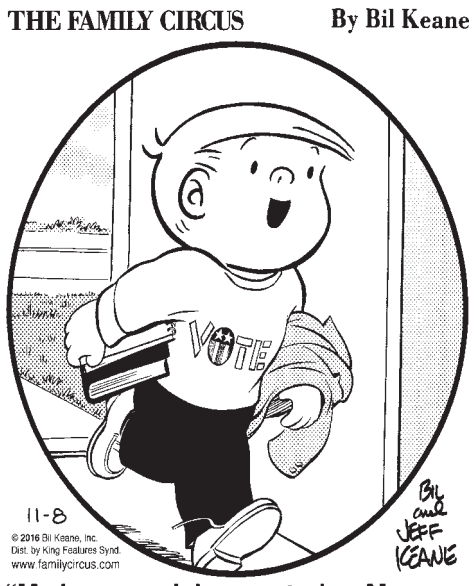
By Bil Keane



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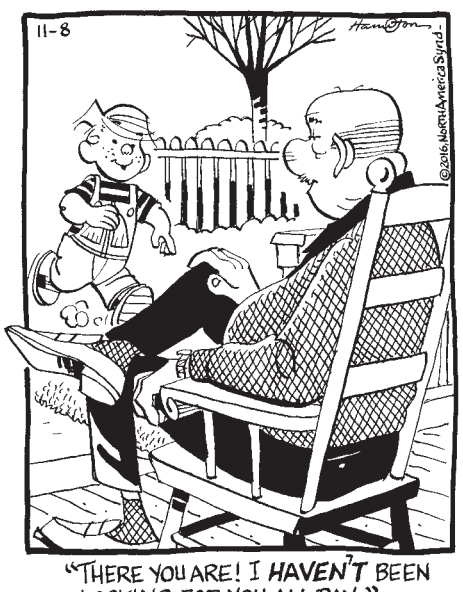

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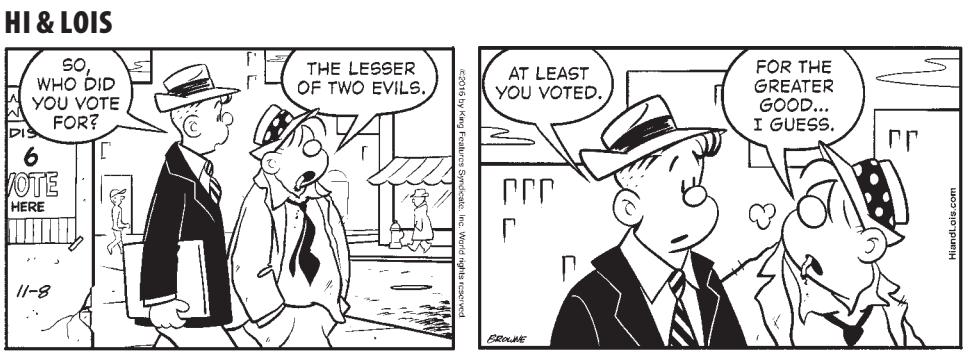
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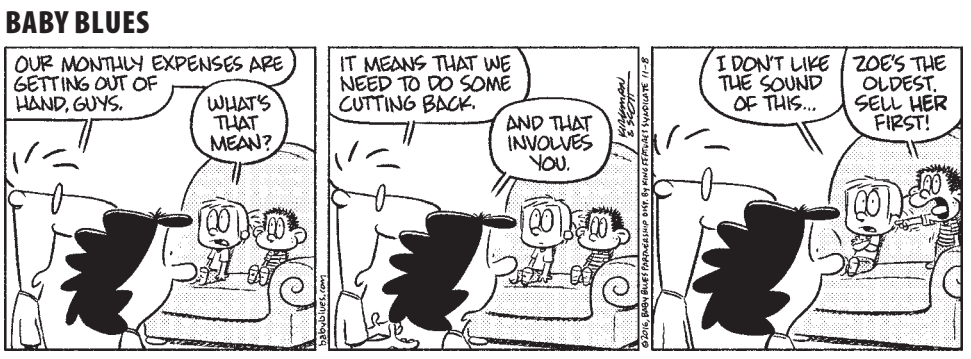
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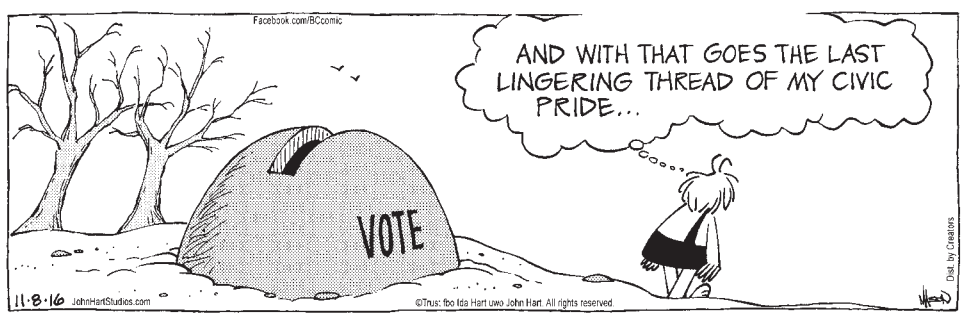
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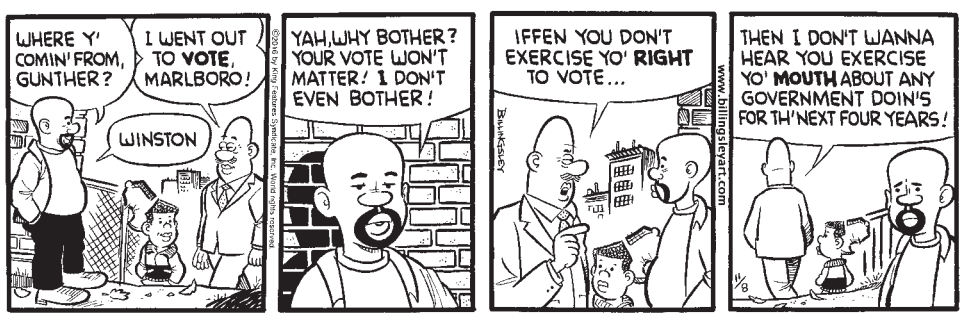
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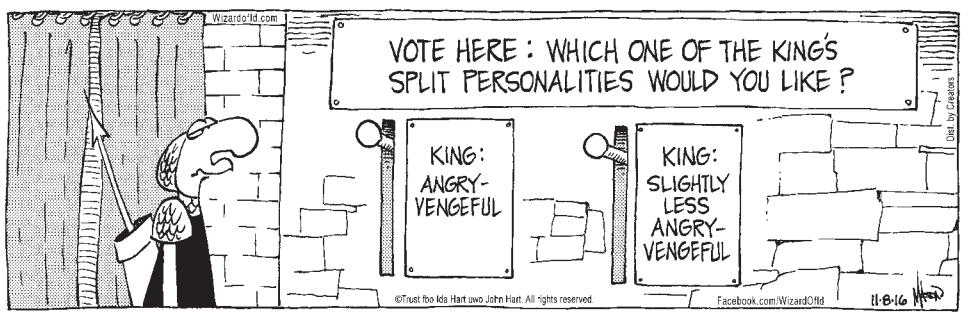
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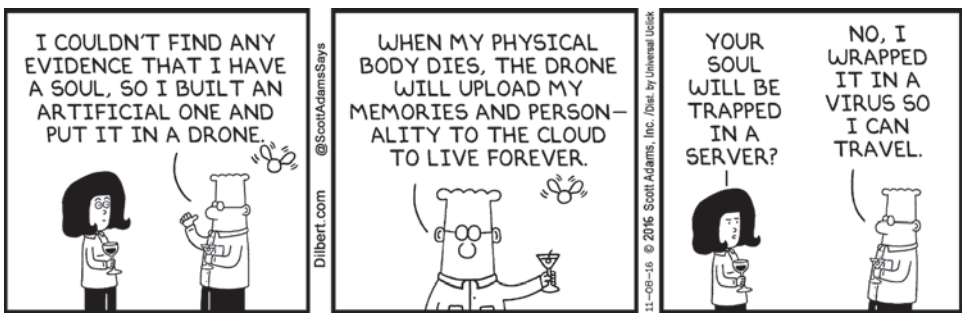
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MANAGER!
AND IF YOU DON'T GIVE ME A LOAN, YOU'LL FIND OUT WHAT IT IS!
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THANK YOU!
MANAGER!
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I POSSESS MANY SKILLS
BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE
I WONDER WHAT THEY ARE
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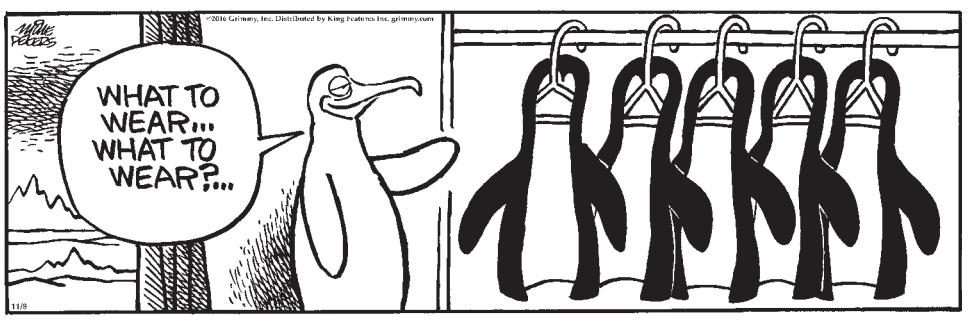

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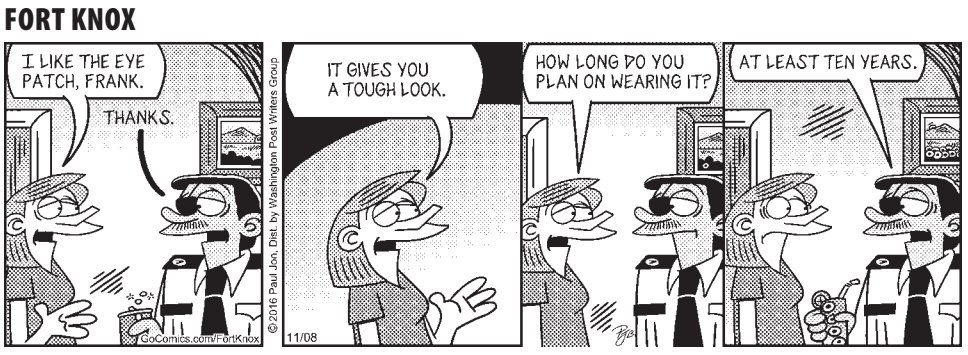
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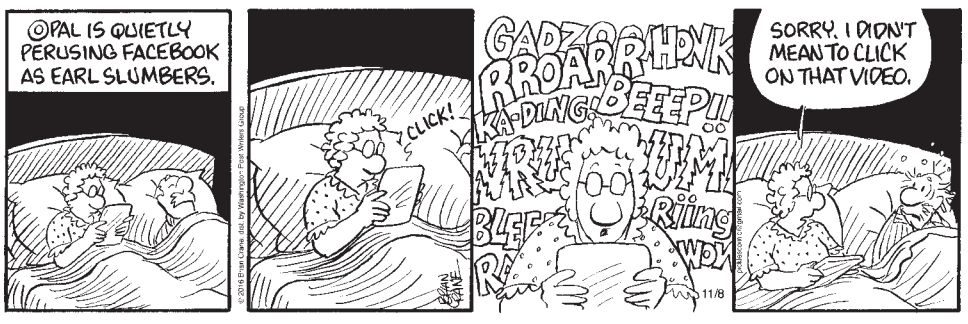

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Prime Time TV

TUESDAY EVENING NOV. 8

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7) (13) (41) (57)	:00 **ABC News Your Voice Your Vote - Election Night 2016** Updates on election results. (N) (L) CC						
CBS (2) (3) (22)	:00 **Campaign 2016: CBS News Coverage of Election Night** (N) (L) CC						
NBC (5) (8) (16)	:00 **2016 Election Night** (N) (L) CC						
FOX (17) (28) (32)	**Modern Family**	**You Decide 2016: Election Special** Coverage of election night returns. (N) CC				**Fox 17 News at 10:00PM** (N) CC	
PBS (34)	**Steves' Europe**	**PBS NewsHour Election Night 2016: A Special Report** Election night coverage. (N) (L) CC					
CW (25)	**Big Bang Theory**	**The Flash** "Flashpoint" CC		**No Tomorrow** "No Doubt" CC		**News**	**Ent. Tonight**
MNT (50)	**Big Bang Theory**	**The Flash** "Flashpoint" CC		**No Tomorrow** "No Doubt" CC		**Harry** Kevin James; Kadan Bart Rockett.	
WCIU (26)	**Mike & Molly**	**ABC7 Eyewitness News on WCIU**		**How I Met**	**How I Met**	**2 Broke Girls**	**2 Broke Girls**
WHME (46)	**M*A*S*H** CC	**Heartland** Two kids on probation visit.		**Harvest Show**	**Sumrall Teach**	**Paid Program**	**Joyce Meyer**
WSBT (22)	**2 Broke Girls**	**You Decide 2016: Election Special** Coverage of election night returns. (N) CC				**WSBT 22 News on Fox** (N)	
A&E	:00 **Intervention**	**Intervention** "Sierra" CC		**Intervention** A couple shares a heroin habit.		**Intervention** "Amy W." CC	
AMC	**Green Ml**	📽 ★★ **Yes Man** ('08) Jim Carrey. (P). A man tries to change his life by saying yes to everything. CC					**Runaway Bride**
Animal	**Too Cute!**	:01 **Too Cute!** CC		:01 **Too Cute!**		:01 **Too Cute!**	
BET	**Browns**	**Martin**	:24 **Martin**	**Husbands**	**Gary**	**Ink, Paper, Scissors**	
Big Ten	**Football**	**Football**	**Tiebreaker** CC		**Football**	**BTN Football in 60**	
Bravo	**Housewives/NJ**	**Housewives/OC**		**Vanderpump Rules** "Summer Bodies"		**The Real Housewives of Atlanta**	
Cartoon	**Gumball**	**King/Hill**	**Burgers**	**King/Hill**	**Cleveland**	**American**	**Burgers**
Cinemax	**The Godfather**	📽 ★★ **San Andreas** ('15, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Carla Gugino. CC				📽 ★★★ **Live Free or Die Hard**	
CMT	**Last Man**	📽 ★★★ **Tombstone** ('93, Western) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer.					
CNBC	:00 **Your Money, Your Vote** Exit polls; early returns. (N) (L)						
CNN	**Election**	**Election Day**		**Election Day**		**Election Day**	
Comedy	**South Pk**	**South Pk**	**South Pk**	**South Pk**	**South Pk**	**Tosh.0**	**Drunk**
CSNC	**NHL Hockey:** Sharks at Capitals				**Extra Pt**	**World Poker**	
Discovery	:00 **Vegas Rat Rods**	**Vegas Rat Rods** "Viva Las Vegas"		**Vegas Rat Rods** CC (DVS)		**Vegas Rat Rods** "Franken Rod"	
Disney	**Diary**	**Walk the**	**Bizaard**	**Stuck**	**Cali Style**	**The**	**Bunk'd**
DIY	**Holmes**	**Holmes Makes**		**Holmes Makes**		**Holmes**	**Holmes**
E!	**E! News**	**The Kardashians**		**The Kardashians**		**The Kardashians**	
ESPN	**Top 25**	**Gold Glove**		**30 for 30**		**E:60** (N)	
ESPN2	**College Football** Western Michigan at Kent State. (N) (L)						**SportCtr**
ESPNC	**Up Close**	**College Basketball** From March 2, 2014.				**College Basketball**	
Food	**Chop Jr.**	**Chopped Junior** (N)		**Chopped** CC		**Chopped** (N) CC	
Fox News	6:00 **America's Election Headquarters** (N)						
Fox Sports	**NHL Hockey:** Red Wings at Flyers				**Red Wings Live** (N)		**Wingspan**
Freefrm	**Julie & Julia** ('09)	**The Letter** "College Kids" (N) CC		**The Letter** "Pretty Princesses" (N)		**Ben & Lauren: Happily Ever After?**	
FX	**Madagascar 3**	📽 ★★★ **How to Train Your Dragon 2** ('14, Fantasy) Voices of Jay Baruchel, Cate Blanchett. CC					**Train Dragon 2**
Golf	**Learning**	**Driver vs. Driver**		**Driver vs. Driver**		**Driver vs. Driver** (N)	
Hallmark	**Christmas-Wrap**	📽 **A Cookie Cutter Christmas** ('14) Erin Krakow, David Haydn-Jones. CC				📽 **Just in Time for Christmas** ('15)	
HBO	**VICE News**	**Westworld** "Contrapasso" CC		**Westworld** Maeve charms Lutz. CC		📽 ★★ **How to Be Single** ('16) CC	
History	**Oak Is**	**The Curse of**		**The Curse of**		**The Curse of**	
HGTV	**Fixer**	**Fixer Upper** CC		**Fixer Upper** CC		**Hunters**	**Hunt Intl**
Learning	**Counting**	**Counting On** (N)		**Outdaughtered**		**Sweet 15**	
Lifetime	**Grey's Anatomy**	**Grey's Anatomy** CC		**The View Live Election Special** A discussion of election-themed topics. (N) CC			
MSNBC	**Election**	**Election Night 2016**		**Election Night 2016**		**Election Night 2016**	
MTV	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**
NFL	**NFL Total**	**Top 10**		**Top 10**		**NFL Replay GOTW**	
Nick	**SpongeBob**		**Jagger**	**Friends**	**Friends**	**Friends**	**Friends**
NGEO	**Life Be**	**Life Below Zero**		**Life Below Zero**		**Life Below Zero**	
Oxygen	**Bad Girls Club**	**Bad Girls Club: Social Disruption** (N)		**Last Squad Standing** "For Love or Squad"		**Bad Girls Club: Social Disruption**	
Showtime	**Spymasters**	**Shameless** CC		**Inside the NFL** (N) CC		**Florida State**	**Florida State**
Spike	**Ink Mas**	**Ink Master** CC		**Ink Master** CC		**Ink Master** (N) CC	
Starz	:05 📽 ★★ **Risen** ('16) Joseph Fiennes, Tom Felton. CC			**Ash vs Evil Dead**	📽 ★★★ **Gone Baby Gone** ('07) Casey Affleck. CC		
STZENC	6:55 📽 ★★★ **Jarhead** ('05, War) Jake Gyllenhaal. CC			📽 ★★ **Guarding Tess** ('94) Shirley MacLaine. CC			**My Fellow Amr**
SyFy	:00 📽 ★★ **Final Destination 3** ('06) Mary Elizabeth Winstead.			**Channel Zero: Candle Cove** (N) CC		**Aftermath** "What the Thunder Said" (N)	
TBS	**Seinfeld** CC	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**
TCM	**Toward-Unkn.**	**Norman Lloyd's 102nd Birthday Live**		:15 📽 ★★★ **Saboteur** ('42, Suspense) Robert Cummings, Priscilla Lane. CC			
TMC	**Big Bang**	📽 ★★ **The Original Kings of Comedy** ('00) Cedric the Entertainer. CC				📽 ★★★ **Listen to Me Marlon** ('15)	
TNT	:00 **Bones**	📽 ★★★ **The Lincoln Lawyer** ('11)				**Ocean's Twelve** ('04)	
Travel	**Bizarre**	**Delicious**		**Delicious**	**Delicious**	**Bizarre Foods**	
TV Land	**Griffith**	**Andy Griffith Show**		**Raymond**	**Raymond**	**Raymond**	**Raymond**
USA	**Modern Family**	**WWE SmackDown!** (N) (L) CC				**Chrisley Knows**	**Chrisley Knows**
VH1	**Ink**	**Love & Hip Hop**		**Love & Hip Hop**		**Martha & Snoop's**	
WGN-A	**Cops** CC	**Cops** CC	**Cops** CC	**Cops** CC	**Cops** CC	**Cops** CC	**Cops** CC

Annual checkup is useful for catching disease early

DEAR DOCTOR K: I'm 73 and in great health. Do I really need to have an annual physical?

DEAR READER: Let's start by defining "great health." I would define it as having no known chronic (ongoing) illnesses. However, most people your age have at least one chronic illness, such as high blood pressure. People with chronic illnesses need to be checked out at least once a year, and usually more often.

Even if they don't have any chronic illnesses, I ask my patients to come in for a checkup every year. That includes asking and answering some questions, a physical examination and some screening tests.

The questions probably are the most important part of an annual checkup. For example, I remember a man in his 50s who had no chronic conditions and exercised every day. He had a healthy diet – he was a vegan. When I asked him if he had been having any bothersome symptoms, he answered "no," but hesitated just briefly before saying it. So I pushed him: "Even a mild symptom that's not very bothersome, but that is something new?"

He replied: "Well, sometimes I get this tingling sensation in my feet. It comes and goes."

That gave me an idea, and influenced what I did on the physical examination.

There is not a lot of evidence that a complete physical examination is valuable. In fact, an analysis of 14 trials that included more than 180,000 patients did not find that a yearly general health checkup decreased the risk of death or illness.

Dr. Anthony Komaroff

I always examine the heart, lungs, abdomen and skin. Even this limited examination is of unproven value. But I've discovered irregular heart rhythms, mild asthma and the occasional skin cancer.

But when a person has a symptom, parts of the physical examination can be extremely valuable. In my patient with the tingling sensations, I took a tuning fork and whacked it to make it vibrate. I asked him to close his eyes and to tell me when he felt the vibrations touch his skin. When I placed the tuning fork on his ankles, he said nothing.

During an annual checkup, it is important for adults to get several types of immunizations every so often and a flu shot every year. I checked my patient's immunization record and gave him a flu shot.

Then it was time to order tests. The screening tests that I prescribe during an annual checkup didn't turn up any problems in this person, this year, but they are effective in catching (and sometimes curing) diseases in an early stage, such as various types of cancer and heart disease.

I added a blood test for vitamin B12 to the screening tests in my patient. His symptom of tingling, his inability to feel the vibration of the tuning fork, and the fact that he was a vegan made me suspect that his vitamin B12 levels were low – and they sure were. Fortunately, vitamin B12 pills prevented what could have been permanent damage to his spinal cord.

So, I'd advise you not to skip an annual visit to your doctor. You don't need to have every nook and cranny of your person probed every year. But you do need certain questions asked, screening tests performed and immunizations given.

(This column ran originally in October 2014.)

Dr. Komaroff is a physician and professor at Harvard Medical School.

Let grandma decide how much baby-sitting she wants to do

DEAR ABBY: Is it wrong to drop off a 1- and a 5-year-old at a senior assisted-living center for their great-grandmother to baby-sit in her room? My niece does this weekly, claiming she's giving my mother "quality time" with her great-grandchildren.

My mother is in the assisted-living center due to issues my dad is encountering. She's very independent and, of course, wants to help any of her family whenever she can. But Mom has an autoimmune disease that flares up with stress or when she gets tired. I'm concerned about her health and feel my niece is taking advantage of her. Of course, my sister sides with her daughter. They have told me to butt out.

I don't want to confront the management of the facility because I want Mom to feel as independent as possible there. I don't want them to not allow her to do something she really wants to do. I have safety concerns, though, and feel this is not right. What do you think? – Torn In Texas

DEAR TORN: I'm not sure what your safety concerns are, but if you think the assisted-living center could be legally liable, you should address them to the manager.

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

As to the baby-sitting being too stressful or tiring for your mother, leave it up to her to decide if it's too much. Some seniors find that feeling needed keeps them young. The way to gauge any negative impact on your mother's health would be if it causes a flare-up of her condition – at which point her doctor should be notified so he/she can put a stop to it.

DEAR ABBY: Are parents of the bride required to foot the cost of the wedding (averaging over $25,000 in the U.S. nowadays) anymore? I understand they were years ago, when it was a part of her dowry, but in modern times I have heard of such a thing only in your column – unless the family is rich and Daddy pays for everything.

I can't imagine asking my parents to pay for my wedding. My fiance and I are aiming for – dress included – $1,000 or less. Are parents actually expected to spend thousands on their daughter's wedding? It's their daughter and son-in-law who want it. – Just Asking In British Columbia

DEAR JUST ASKING: No. A wedding is a GIFT, and while it would be generous for the parents to pitch in, there is no requirement that they do so.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

The question now that really vexes
Is where we're gonna place our "X"es.
Voting, folks, should not upset ya –
Be glad we're livin' where they let ya.XO, ABBY

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Crossword

ACROSS
1 Pricey car logo
4 Deep water
7 Audit pros
11 Vive le —!
12 Muse of history
14 Earthenware jar
15 On a higher level
17 Mineral finds
18 Weekend wear (hyph.)
19 Chinese mammals
21 Whiz
22 Estuary
23 Land, to Pierre
26 Sandal fastener
29 Brainstorm
30 Ponies up
31 Summer, in Dijon
33 Truck front
34 Spanish noblemen
35 Shower alternative
36 Colorful squawkers
38 Audition tapes
39 P.O. service
40 Mark of Zorro
41 Hour fraction
44 Tell
48 Osaka sashes
49 Enjoyed greatly
51 Let off steam
52 Shopper's lure
53 Advantages
54 New singles
55 — Nimitz
56 Kind of poem

DOWN
1 Champagne word
2 Swabs
3 Daydream
4 Hard to come by
5 Ritzy group
6 Diver's need
7 Good brandy
8 Answered a judge
9 Mme. Gluck of opera
10 Lip, slangily
13 Fish hawks
16 Dainty crown
20 Runs a fever
23 Nervous twitch
24 Party-tray cheese
25 Singer McEntire
26 Campers, maybe
27 500 sheets of paper
28 Dog in "Beetle Bailey"
30 Dry snows
32 Codgers' queries
34 Mad
35 Bellyaches
37 Pie shells
38 Gainsays
40 Belly dance clackers
41 Mix
42 Mountain goat
43 Muse count
45 Pittsburgh river
46 Tear to pieces
47 Consumer gds.
50 Perfume label word

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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I	B	I	S		O	D	O	R		Y	O	U
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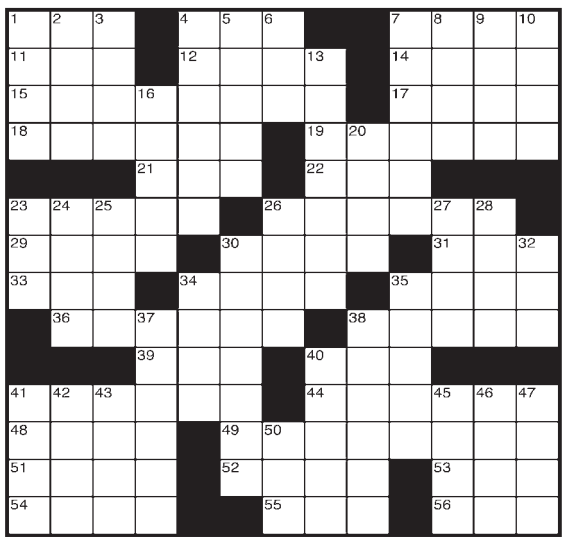

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Jumble

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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COALF

DTOSED

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Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app

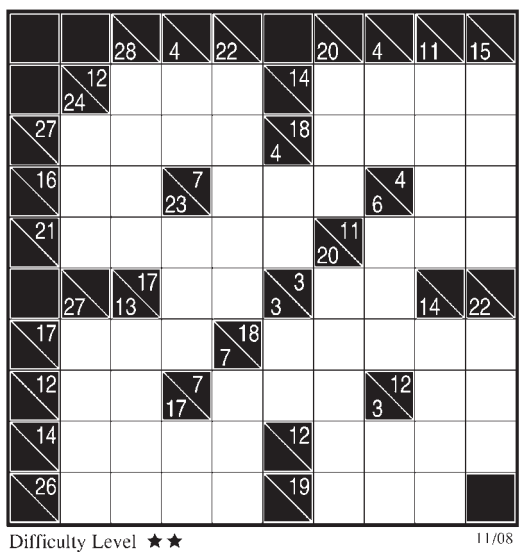
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans: _____ _____ _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PINCH SHAME DIVIDE TRAUMA
Answer: The ghost didn't have many friends because he was so — MEAN-SPIRITED

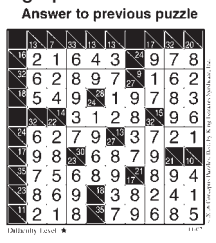
Kakuro



Difficulty Level ★★ 11/08

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Answer to previous puzzle



Bridge

A.N. Onymous said, "The best defense against the atom bomb is not to be there when it goes off."

Finding the best defense against any contract is always satisfying. East-West were happy at the end of this deal.

First, though, let's look at the auction. North was a tad weak for the two-heart reverse, which promised a very good 16-20 points. In the tournament world, after this type of reverse, responder's rebid of fourth suit or two no-trump, whichever is the cheaper, artificially warns of a very weak hand. This North-South pair did not have that agreement, so South rebid two no-trump to show his club stoppers, wondering if they belonged in no-trump or diamonds. North, aware of the previous overbid, suddenly passed.

West led his fourth-highest club. South might have won dummy's king with his ace to take a diamond finesse, but that would not have worked well here. Instead, declarer won on the board and played a spade to his jack. West made a commendable smooth duck. Now South cashed his top clubs (East throwing a spade) and took the heart finesse (an error here – a club would have been more successful). East won and worked to strand declarer in thedummy. East cashed the spade ace, then led the heart 10 (in case South had started with nine-doubleton). South won on the board and cashed the heart ace, under which West carefully played the nine.

East won the next heart and led a spade to partner's king. West cashed the club jack, then pushed a diamond through the dummy to defeat the contract.

North 11-08-16
♠ 10 4
♥ A Q J 5
♦ A J 10 6 5 4
♣ K

West
♠ K 5 2
♥ 9 4 3 2
♦ 9
♣ J 9 8 3 2

East
♠ A 8 6 3
♥ K 10 8 7
♦ K Q 8
♣ 5 4

South
♠ Q J 9 7
♥ 6
♦ 7 3 2
♣ A Q 10 7 6

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
		1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 3

Sudoku

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

2				7	5		3	9
				6	8	2		7
7	4	1	3	2				8
		3	9			1		
		2		1		5		
		6			7	3		
1				8	4	9	6	3
6		7	5	9				
8	9		6	3				5

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

9	2	6	3	1	7	5	8	4
5	8	4	9	2	6	7	1	3
1	3	7	5	8	4	6	9	2
6	7	2	8	3	5	1	4	9
3	4	1	7	9	2	8	6	5
8	5	9	6	4	1	3	2	7
2	6	5	4	7	8	9	3	1
4	9	8	1	5	3	2	7	6
7	1	3	2	6	9	4	5	8

Global bond market growing bizarre

By BERNARD CONDON
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Italy has suffered through bouts of inflation and a revolving door of failed governments in the past 50 years, so you would think it would have to offer a super-high interest rate to entice people to lend to it for the next 50. But in a bond sale last month, it got away with just 2.85 percent, half the rate it paid for a three-month loan a few years ago.

Bond investors are supposed to be rewarded with higher interest rates in exchange for investing in riskier borrowers, as well as for waiting longer to get their money back. They appear to have forgotten that this year.

They're lending to Ireland not for 50, but 100 years, and at 2.35 percent. They've handed $1 billion to Disney for 10 years, at a rate – 1.85 percent – barely above inflation.

The Japanese, Swiss and German governments are demanding more money upfront for their bonds than investors will ever make back in interest – guaranteed money losers. Yet many investors are actually buying them, figuring they'll be able to sell the bonds to others at an even higher price and make a profit.

These so-called negative yielding bonds now total $12 trillion around the world, up from basically zero two years ago, according to Bank of America Merrill Lynch, and have crept into popular bond funds held in 401(k)s.

"It's a crazy situation," said Miami money manager Richard Lehmann. "The relationship between yield and risk is totally out of whack."

Whether all this ends in a bang or whimper is dividing Wall Street.

The whimper camp thinks low yields are not so crazy because inflation will stay low and so won't eat much into the purchasing power of fixed bond payments. Your portfolio may not do well, but it won't be the source of the next financial crisis.

Investment banker Daniel Alpert said rates would be super low even without the efforts of central banks because the global economy is growing slowly and there is simply too much of nearly everything – workers, factories, oil, metal and, most importantly, cash, which people are hoarding and putting into bonds instead spending on things.

The bang side thinks yields have sunk too far even given low inflation, the result of an experiment by central banks to stimulate their economies by buying trillions of dollars of bonds. When ordinary investors come to their senses and start dumping their holdings, they may find few buyers and prices will plunge, possibly taking with it stocks and other assets as people sell all manner of things to stay solvent.

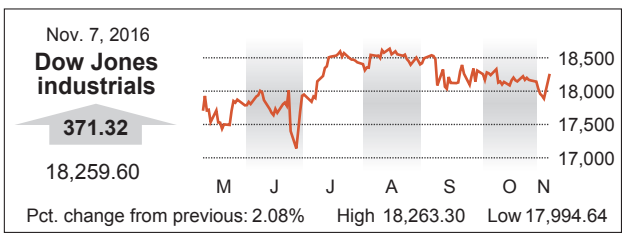
We may soon find out who is right. Bonds have been falling off and on for weeks now on signs of a pickup in inflation in some rich countries, and a possible pull back in central bank buying.

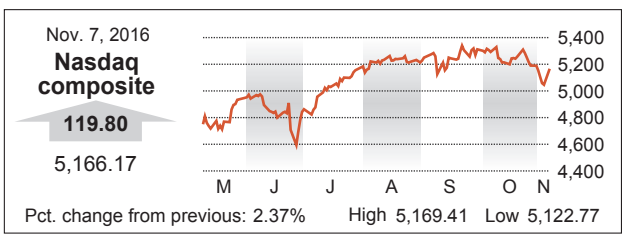
The problem is not just that loans are being extended at low rates, but the sheer volume of them. In the eight years after debt spiked on the eve of the 2008 crisis, families, companies and governments took on another $69 trillion, a jump of 53 percent, according to the latest figures from the McKinsey Global Institute.

Money manager Lehmann said European banks holding low yielding government bonds could face steep losses should the market turn and they decide they need to sell them along with everyone else.

But investors hoping to unload absurdly valued bonds for even more absurd prices should be careful. Those 50-year Italian bonds that everyone was clamoring to buy last month are sinking fast, down 7 percent in two weeks.

MARKETS





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AEP	AEP	54.08	71.32	**63.24**	**+.84**	+1.3	▲	▲	▼
Apple Inc	AAPL	89.47	121.81	**110.41**	**+1.57**	+1.4	▲	▼	▼
AutoZone	AZO	681.01	819.54	**732.87**	**+1.22**	+0.2	▲	▼	▼
BP PLC	BP	27.01	37.28	**34.02**	**+.48**	+1.4	▲	▼	▼
BonTon	BONT	1.10	4.20	**1.48**	**+.05**	+3.5	▲	▼	▼
CMS Eng	CMS	34.18	46.25	**41.71**	**+.93**	+2.3	▲	▲	▼
ChemFinl	CHFC	29.40	47.62	**42.75**	**+1.17**	+2.8	▲	▼	▼
CocaCola	KO	40.75	47.13	**42.46**	**+.77**	+1.8	▲	▲	▲
Comcast	CMCSA	52.34	68.36	**61.51**	**+.85**	+1.4	▲	▼	▼
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Disney	DIS	86.25	120.65	**94.43**	**+1.98**	+2.1	▲	▲	▲
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FordM	F	11.02	14.76	**11.58**	**+.24**	+2.1	▲	▼	▼
GenElec	GE	27.10	33.00	**29.31**	**+.87**	+3.1	▲	▲	▼
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MillerHer	MLHR	22.60	36.46	**29.10**	**+1.70**	+6.2	▲	▲	▲
Penney	JCP	6.00	11.99	**8.30**	**+.10**	+1.2	▲	▼	▼
Perrigo	PRGO	79.72	156.03	**83.96**	**+1.57**	+1.9	▲	▼	▼
Pfizer	PFE	28.25	37.39	**30.38**	**+.38**	+1.3	▲	▼	▼
ProctGam	PG	74.01	90.33	**86.56**	**+1.48**	+1.7	▲	▼	▼
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SearsHldgs	SHLD	10.50	25.24	**11.38**	**+.30**	+2.7	▲	▲	▼
Steelcse	SCS	11.67	20.37	**13.65**	**+.60**	+4.6	▲	▲	▼
Stryker	SYK	86.68	123.55	**119.68**	**+2.53**	+2.2	▲	▲	▲
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VerizonCm	VZ	43.79	56.95	**47.46**	**+.38**	+0.8	▲	▼	▼
WEC Engy	WEC	47.98	66.10	**58.58**	**+.86**	+1.5	▲	▲	▼
WalMart	WMT	56.36	75.19	**69.78**	**+.62**	+0.9	▲	▲	▼
WalgBoots	WBA	71.50	87.05	**81.45**	**+1.10**	+1.4	▲	▲	▲
Wendys Co	WEN	8.89	11.38	**11.07**	**+.22**	+2.0	▲	▲	▲
Whrlpl	WHR	123.60	194.10	**154.93**	**+2.14**	+1.4	▲	▼	▼
Worthgtn	WOR	25.50	49.73	**48.45**	**+1.24**	+2.6	▲	▼	▲
XPO Logis	XPO	18.04	37.95	**36.58**	**+1.90**	+5.5	▲	▼	▼

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Survey: Rates on store-brand credit cards climb to new heights

By PATRICIA SABATINI
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (TNS)

The next time you step up to the register, beware the cashier promising freebies in exchange for signing up for a store credit card.

Interest rates on cards issued by the nation's largest retailers are averaging 23.24 percent, according to a new survey by credit card comparison site Creditcards.com, based in Austin, Texas. It's the highest rate since the website started tracking the rates in 2008 (when they averaged 18.28 percent).

Overall, the average for all types of credit cards is 15.22 percent.

"With their outrageously high (rates), most consumers would be wise to steer clear of these cards unless they're 100 percent certain they can pay their balance off every single month," said Matt Schulz, senior industry analyst at Creditcards.com.

The survey reviewed 68 credit cards offered by 44 retailers. Nearly half of those store-branded cards carried an annual percentage rate of at least 25 percent.

Those high rates look even worse considering that interest rates in general have been hovering at record lows since the Federal Reserve cut the federal funds rate to near zero at the end of 2008, where it remained until seeing a tiny quarter-point boost in December last year.

The main lure among store cards is an immediate 10 percent or 15 percent discount at the check-out as a bonus for signing up.

While the discount might pay off on a major purchase such as a refrigerator, most shoppers can get better rewards with a general purpose card, Schulz said.

"If you are interested in an offer, take a brochure and read it at home. If you're still interested, apply the next time you go to the store," he said.

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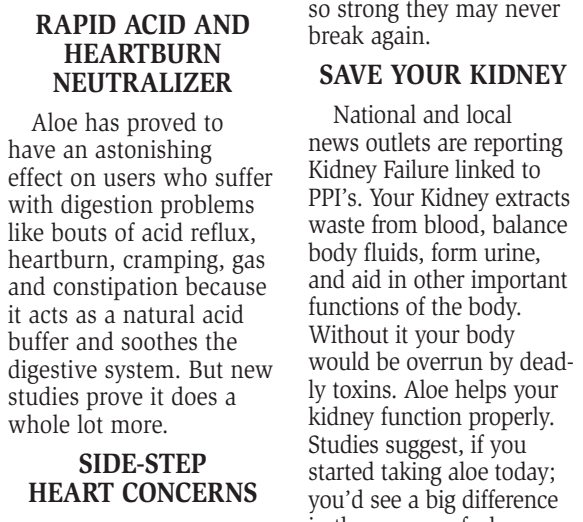
Drug Companies Fear Release of the New AloeCure

Big Pharma stands to lose billions as doctors' recommend drug-free "health cocktail" that adjusts and corrects your body's health conditions.



by David Waxman
Seattle Washington:

Drug company execs are nervous. That's because the greatest health advance in decades has hit the streets. And analysts expect it to put a huge crimp in "Big Pharma" profits.

So what's all the fuss about? It's about a new ingredient that's changing the lives of people who use it. Some call it "the greatest discovery since penicillin"! And others call it "a miracle!"

The name of the product is the AloeCure. It's not a drug. It's something completely different. And the product is available to anyone who wants it, at a reasonable price. But demands may force future prices to rise.

TOP DOC WARNS: DIGESTION DRUGS CAN CRIPPLE YOU!

Company spokesperson, Dr. Liza Leal; a leading integrative health specialist out of Texas recommends Aloecure before she decides to prescribe any digestion drug. Especially after the FDA's stern warning about long-term use of drugs classified as proton pump inhibitors like **Prilosec®, Nexium®**, and **Prevacid®**. In a nutshell, the FDA statement warned people should avoid taking these digestion drugs for longer than three 14-day treatment periods because there is an increased risk of bone fractures. Many people take them daily and for decades.

Dr. Leal should know. Many patients come to her with bone and joint complaints and she does everything she can to help them. One way for digestion sufferers to help avoid possible risk of tragic joint and bone problems caused by overuse of digestion drugs is to take the AloeCure.

Analysts expect the AloeCure to put a huge crimp in "Big Pharma" profits.

The secret to AloeCure's "health adjusting" formula is scientifically tested Acemannan, a polysaccharide extracted from Aloe Vera. But not the same aloe vera that mom used to apply to your cuts, scrapes and burns. This is a perfect strain of aloe that is organically grown in special Asian soil; under very strict conditions. AloeCure is so powerful it begins to benefit your health the instant you take it. It soothes intestinal discomfort and you can avoid the possibility of bone and health damage caused by overuse of digestion drugs. We all know how well aloe works externally on cuts, scrapes and burns. But did you know Acemannan has many of other health benefits?...

HELPS CALM DOWN PAINFUL INFLAMMATION

According to a leading aloe research scientist, the amazing Aloe plant has a powerful anti-inflammatory effect. Aloe Vera calms the fire in your belly like it does the sunburn on your skin and in many ways helps heal damaged cells. Inflammation is your body's first reaction to damage. So whether it's damage that is physical, bacterial, chemical or autoimmune; the natural plant helps soothe inflammation — rapidly reducing redness, heat and swelling.

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Aloe has proved to have an astonishing effect on users who suffer with digestion problems like bouts of acid reflux, heartburn, cramping, gas and constipation because it acts as a natural acid buffer and soothes the digestive system. But new studies prove it does a whole lot more.

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Benton Harbor, MI. Found black lab mix puppy. 10-12 weeks old. Found on Eastern and Colfax. Please call Dawn. 269-277-2821

Kitten found 10/20 Benton Harbor.. Tabby, sweet, has claws no collar near Territorial and Crystal Ln.

Stevensvill MI
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EMPLOYMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE

LA PORTE:
La Porte Community Federal Credit Union is currently looking for an energetic person to fulfill a part time teller position at our LaPorte Branch. The qualified candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent.
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PROFESSIONAL

Autism Specialist – Full Time: Responsible for providing a range of services for children and adults with Autism.
Master's Degree in an appropriate discipline. Must be licensed by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs as a LMSW, LLMSW, TLLP, LLP, LP; or certified by the national Board Analyst Certification Board as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst.

Case Manager – DD Child – Full Time: Provides case management services in the community to children/adolescents with intellectual and developmentally disabilities, including autism, and their families. Bachelor or Master's Degree in an appropriate mental health discipline. One or more years' experience providing treatment to children/adolescents and individuals with an intellectual disabilities and autism. Must have reliable means of transportation for home visits and maintain safe driving record. Must be licensed by the Michigan Department of Commerce or Professional Regulation as a LBSW, LLMSW or LMSW, TLLP or LLP or LLPC or LPC OR an individual with a human services degree hired and performing in the role of a QIDP prior to January 1, 2008.

Case Manager – SUD – Full Time: Candidate will be responsible for assisting Adults or Youth with Substance Use Disorders and their families. Bachelor's Degree in an appropriate discipline. Two or more years' experience providing treatment to individuals with a substance use disorder. Must have reliable means of transportation for home visits, transporting consumers and maintain safe driving record.
CADC certification.

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Psychiatrist – Full Time: Candidate will be responsible for diagnosing and treating individuals with mental health and substance use disorders and intellectual and developmental disabilities. Doctorate Degree from an accredited medical program and residency in psychiatry. One or more years' experience working with individuals with mental illness, substance use, intellectual or developmental disabilities. Must be licensed by the Michigan Department of Commerce or Professional Regulation as a physician and is board certified in psychiatry or board eligible within three years.

Therapist – Home Based – Full Time: Candidate will provide services to children/adolescents with severe emotional disturbances and their families. Provides transportation to consumers as deemed appropriate.
Master's Degree in an appropriate mental health discipline. One to two years' experience providing treatment to children/adolescents with serious mental illness. Must be licensed by the Michigan Department of Commerce or Professional Regulation as a LLMSW, LMSW, TLLP, LLP, LLPC or LPC. Must meet the requirements for Child Mental Health Professional and must become fully licensed with-in 30 months of date of hire. Must have reliable means of transportation for home visits and maintain safe driving record.

EDUCATION/ TEACHING

Special Education Paraprofessional
River Valley School District
Employment info at: www.rivervalley-schools.org
Deadline: Until filled

NOW HIRING
Part-time position for Marketing Coordinator at Brookview Montessori School. The qualified candidate would be required to update our website, write press releases and run ads for events, edit communications, post on social media, and participate in event planning.
Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in marketing preferred, 3 years marketing experience, excellent writing skills, and the ability to understand Montessori philosophy and Brookview's mission as it relates to Marketing.
Salary: Hourly, commensurate with qualifications, 3-7 hours per week, not to exceed 20 hours per month.
If you feel this position is a good fit for you, please send cover letter and resume to: info@brookviewschool.org

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Post 2-week training period pay: $8-9/hour
Position 3: Deli Cook
Post 2-week training period pay: $8-9/hour

HOROSCOPE

BY EUGENIA LAST

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Consider your choices and make decisions based on your needs, not on what others want or expect of you. Set high standards and make a point to map out what you want to see unfold over the course of the upcoming year. Don't let personal pressure stand in your way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Emotional mistakes will be costly. Think outside the box and be sure to keep your expectations in perspective. Get your facts straight before you respond or take action.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Put some heart into whatever you choose to do. Speak up and make positive changes based on what you want to accomplish. Don't settle for less.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't worry so much about what others are doing. Focus on honing your skills and making sure you leave no room for error. Be a leader, not a follower.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Look for answers from former colleagues or co-workers with whom you shared a rapport. Sharing the workload will help increase your output. Romance is encouraged.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Focus on what you have, not on what you want. Money matters can be resolved if you are practical in your spending. Don't let a romantic desire turn into a costly mistake.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Keep a sharp watch over money matters and people who may try to take advantage of your good nature. Personal gains will result if you focus on mental and physical improvements.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Focus on what needs to be finished and don't stop until you reach your goal. Clear the clutter and prepare to begin again. Don't give up; get started.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Emotional deception will be a problem. Having a realistic attitude regarding your plans, relationships or financial situation will be necessary if you want to get ahead.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A day trip will result in you meeting new people, broadening your perspective and learning new things. The connections you make will help you discover something that will bring you satisfaction and joy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Keep your financial affairs a secret. It's best not to overspend or try to buy love. Stay focused on making personal changes that will gratify you mentally and physically. Romance is featured.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be diplomatic when dealing with personal, domestic or health matters. Not everyone will see things your way. Tread carefully when dealing with relationships.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your involvement in networking functions or activities that involve children will help you look at your future in a new light. Don't procrastinate. You should be moving forward.

GENERAL HELP

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The City of St. Joseph is accepting resumes for the position of Public Safety Officer. Applicants must possess an Associate's Degree, Criminal Justice preferred, MCOLES certified or certifiable and Firefighter I & II desired. Please send cover letter and resume with three references to City of St. Joseph, Personnel Department, 700 Broad Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085, by Friday, November 18, 2016. Application and full job description is also available online at www.sjcity.com.

The City of St. Joseph is currently accepting applications for the position of Laborer in the Cemetery and Parks Division. Applicants are required to have a valid Michigan Driver's license with a safe driving record, a valid Michigan 3A and 3B pesticide application certification or ability to obtain one within the employment probationary period. Apply to Personnel Dept., 700 Broad St., St. Joseph, MI. Application and full job description also available online at www.sjcity.com. Deadline is 11/18/16.

TRUCKING

Truck Drivers $1000 Bonus Prince Corporation, Kingsbury, IN has an opening for a FT Driver. Candidate will need current CDL Class A, tractor trailer exp clean driving record, ability to lift 100 lbs Benefit Include: Medical + Dental Ins, Shrt & lng term Disb Pd Time off, Pd Holidays & Qrtrly Safety Bonus Aapply via email at hr@prince-corp.com

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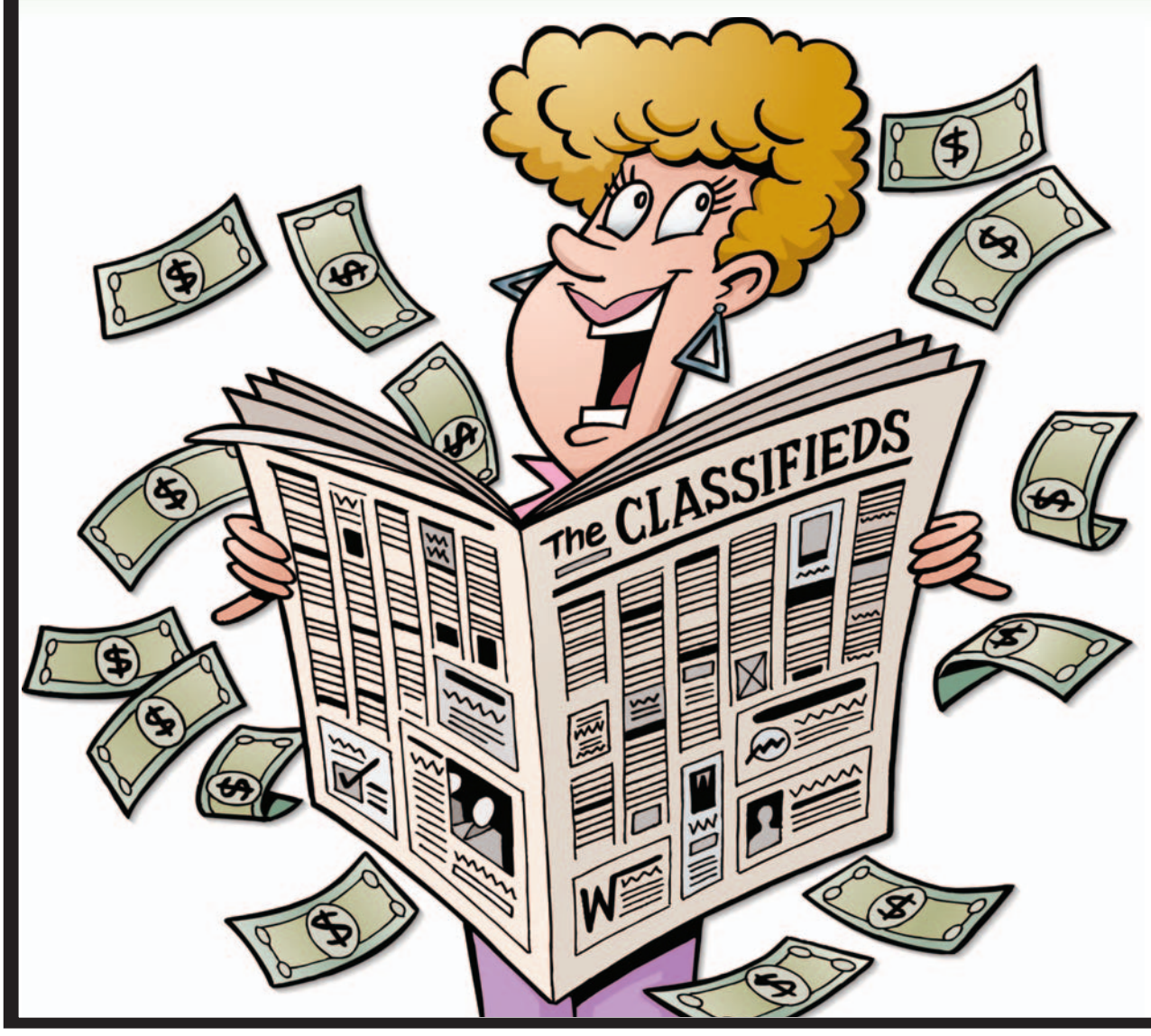

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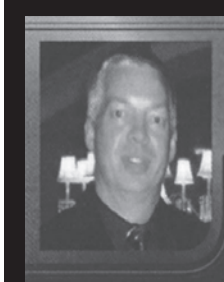

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